

SORTING SOME OF THE WRIGHTS
OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA
PART XX: 1663 RICHARD WRIGHT OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY,
HIS WIFE ANN (MOTTRAM) (WRIGHT) (FOX) CODD,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia is a multipart project. Each part discusses a separate Wright family, beginning with the oldest known ancestor of that line. This work on 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County is Part XXII of the project.

Northumberland County is obviously not part of southern Virginia. However, in tracing 1809 William Wright of Franklin County to his origins, I became entangled in the confusion created by Charles Arthur Hoppin regarding the Wrights of northern Virginia. As part of the effort to identify 1809 William Wright as the son of 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County, I necessarily collected a substantial amount of material on the family of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and this work is the result. I hope the reader will excuse the stretch from southern to northern Virginia.

In addition, since this Wright line is predominantly from northern Virginia, I have not searched the northern Virginia records as extensively as I have previously done for southern Virginia Wright families and there are many records on this family that have not been included in this work and remain to be found by other researchers. But hopefully, adequate records have been included to confirm the identifications provided and to distinguish these Wrights from the descendants of other Wright families, such as that of 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County.

The material for this multipart project is organized in four sections. The first is the text, the second is the descendants charts, the third is the sources, and the fourth is a set of appendices.

The text provides full and literal transcriptions of all documents and sources found for the individuals discussed, as well as explanations of the significance of documents and the evidentiary logic for conclusions that are not obvious on their face. Six generations are discussed in the text. Every researcher has faced the frustration of an asserted identification without a source reference or explanation of the conclusion or with a source reference which when consulted turns out to say something different than what was claimed. By providing full transcriptions of sources, I hope to allow the reader to reach their own conclusions regarding the identifications given and avoid the need to search out the source, even though this adds considerably to the length of the text. When secondary sources are relied on, the person providing the information is listed.

The descendants charts are organized with the oldest ancestor in the first column and each descendant from that ancestor in the remaining columns, to the extent known. Seven generations are listed in the descendants chart. The basic data of date and place of birth, marriage, residence, and death are given for each individual. The sources for that information are also given for each individual, using code numbers to the source list.

The source list provides a chronological listing of sources as they were found or consulted. The chronological listing evolved from my early years in research and

mistaken efforts at coding the source. By the time I realized the inappropriateness of the coding format, there was too much information in a pre-computer era to correct the early references. The reader is left with the result and my apology.

The appendices list all of the known Wright documents for a particular type of record for a county in chronological order and include an identification of the Wright named in the record. These appendices have been published separately by Heritage Books, Inc., and to date have included Wright birth, marriage, personal property tax, census, deed, land tax, death, cemetery, and probate records for Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Cumberland, Essex, Franklin, Montgomery, Nelson, Prince Edward, Roanoke, and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia, the City of Lynchburg, and the City of Roanoke, Virginia. Other counties may follow in the future. The appendices allow a cross referencing of the known records to the person discussed. This is to avoid having the same record cited for two different persons who happened to have the same name and to provide a list of documents that have not been associated with any person and which might be inconsistent with asserted identifications.

The numerous Wrights found in the same geographic areas necessitated an identification system to keep their identities separated. The system selected early on was to list a person by their year of death and county of residence at death, when known. For example, "1776 Augustine Wright of Amherst County" indicates that this was the Augustine Wright who died in 1776 in Amherst County. If no state is listed after the county, the state is Virginia; counties in states other than Virginia have a state listed after the county, as in "1825 Achilles Wright of Oldham County, Kentucky". A parenthetical after the name indicates an identification of the person when a place of death is not yet known, as in "John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter)." A county in parentheses after the name indicates the county with which that person was most identified when no evidence of the place of death has yet been found, as in "William Wright, Sr. (Bedford County)."

No work of this size is done without help and I have attempted to identify in the text contributions from other researchers. All of those researchers have my thanks for their contributions to this work and bear no responsibility for any errors or omissions I may have made.

This is a work in process and I would be most interested in receiving additional information about any of the persons identified in these records in order to correct any errors or expand on the information given.

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XXII 1663 Richard Wright Of Northumberland County, His Wife Ann (Motttram)
(Wright) (Fox) Codd, And His Descendants

1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County was the son of 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, and Anne (Meryton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹)

The identification of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County as the son of 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, is based on four sets of evidence.

First, 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, married Ann Meryton, the daughter of George Meryton and Mary (Rande) Meryton, in 1626 and they had a son Richard Wright, who was listed as their fourth child.

1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland was born in about 1633, which is consistent with the probable year of birth for 1655 Francis Wright's son Richard.

Second, the will of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County listed his cousin either Thomas Merriton or Matthew Merriton.

Ann (Meryton) Wright's father George Mertyton had grandsons named both Thomas Meryton and Matthew Meryton who would be cousins of 1663 Richard Wright.

Third, the Y-DNA sequence of descendants of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County matches closely that of descendants of 1674 George Wright of Yorkshire, England, the second son of 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England.

And fourth, there is a London apprenticeship record of Richard Wright which identifies him as a son of Francis Wright of Boulton in York County.

The specific evidence supporting each of these assertions is set forth below.

Paver's Marriage Licences is a transcription made by William Paver in the 19th century of marriage licenses from the records of the Diocese of York of the Church of England and published by the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal. The original records are apparently no longer extant.

Paver's Marriage Licences for the year 1626 at <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS/Misc/Transcriptions/YKS/Pavers1626.html> listed the marriage of Francis Wright and Ann Meryton:

"Date	Surname	Christian name	Comment	Surname
1626	Wright	Francis	of Bolton-upon-Swale	Meryton
Christian name	Comment	Where to be married		
Ann	of Kirk Leavington	either place.(8)		

(8) Son of Francis Wright, of Bolton-on-Swale. She was daughter of George Meryton, D. D., Dean of York (See Dugdale's Visitation)."

The Visitation Of The County Of Yorke, begun 1665, and finished 1666, by William Dugdale listed Francis Wright as married to Anne Meryton and died in 1665 with a son Richard, among other children. A copy of that portion of Dugdale's Visitation is shown on the following page.

LANGBARCH WAPENTAKE.

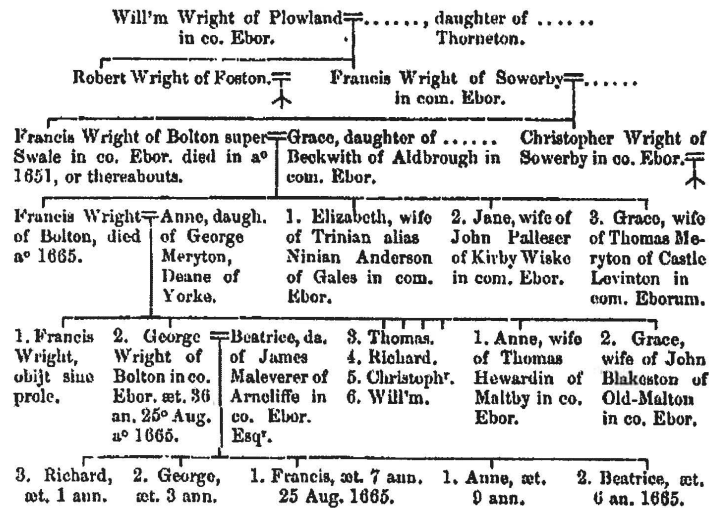
Stokesley, 25^o Aug. 1665.

WRIGHT OF BOLTON UPON SWALE.

ARMS.—Quarterly:

- 1 and 4. Or, a fess componée argent and azure between three eagle's heads erased of the last, a canton gulfs.
2. Azure, three crescents or.
3. a lion rampant charged with an annulet.

CREST.—A unicorn passant regardant argent, armed or, unguled azure.



The date of marriage for 1655 Francis Wright and Ann Meryton of 1626 and the listing of the births of their sons as first Francis, second George in about 1629, third Thomas, and fourth Richard indicate that Richard Wright was probably born in about 1633. As will be set forth below, this is consistent with the 1633 birth of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County.

Burke's Commoners listed 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, as married to Anne Meryton, daughter of George Meryton:

"The Rev. Francis Wright, D.D. of Bolton-on-Swale, espoused Anne, daughter of the Very Rev. George Meryton, Dean of York, and by her, who died 29th March, 1670, had six sons and two daughters, namely,

- I. Francis, who died s. p.
- II. George, heir to his father,
- III. Thomas,
- IV. Richard,

. . . .

George Wright, esq. of Bolton-on-Swale, born in 1629, "

A copy of Burke's Commoners for the Wrights of Bolton-on-Swale is shown on the following two pages.

of Peterborough, and subsequently of York.

His only son,

THE REV. FRANCIS WRIGHT, D.D. of Bolton-on-Swale, espoused Anne, daughter of the Very Rev. George Meryton, Dean of York, and, by her, who died 20th March, 1670, had six sons and two daughters, namely,

- I. Francis, who died *s. p.*
- II. George, heir to his father.
- III. Thomas.
- IV. Richard.
- V. Christopher.
- VI. William.

I. Anne, *m.* to Thomas Howardine of Malby, and died 5th October, 1671, leaving issue.

II. Grace, *m.* to — Blakiston, of Old Malton, in Yorkshire.

Dr. Wright died in 1655, and was succeeded by his eldest surviving son,

GEORGE WRIGHT, esq. of Bolton-on-Swale, born in 1629, who *m.* first, Beatrice, daughter of James Mauleverer, † esq. of Arcliffe, in Yorkshire, by Beatrice, daughter of Sir Timothy Hutton, of Marske, (by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Bowes, of Streatham, in the county palatine of Durham, the knight marshal, who suppressed the great northern rebellion, headed by the potent earls of Westmoreland and Northumberland, *temp.* Queen ELIZABETH,) and had issue,

I. Francis, aged 7, in 1665, died 22nd September, 1684.

II. George, of Bolton, born 10th August, 1662.

III. Richard, *b.* 5th July, 1664.

I. Anne, aged nine years, in 1665.

II. Beatrice, aged six years, in 1665.

Mr. Wright wedded, secondly, a lady named Margaret, but of what family is not recorded, and left at his decease, 6th June, 1674, another son,

† He was great-great-grandson of Sir William Mauleverer, kn. of Arcliffe, by Jane, daughter of Sir John Conyers, of Sockburne, in Durham. This ancient family, which but recently became extinct, was descended, in a direct male line, from Sir Richard Mauleverer, kn. who came into England with William the Conqueror, by whom he was appointed master of the forests, chases, and parks north of Trent.

JOHN WRIGHT, esq. of Bolton-on-Swale, proprietor of estates at Bolton-on-Swale, Greenbury, Ellerton, Scorton, and in the parish of Catterick, in the county of York, and of property at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He *m.* Margaret Greathead, and, by her, who died 4th August, 1743, had issue to survive infancy,

- I. JOHN, his heir.
- II. Thomas, *b.* 20th December, 1737.
- III. Francis, *b.* 6th August, 1739.
- IV. Baines, *b.* 26th April, 1743.
- V. Richard, *b.* 29th July, 1748.

I. Elizabeth, *m.* to William Pennyman Consett, esq. of Normanby, in Yorkshire.

II. Martha, *b.* 30th June, 1744.

Mr. Wright died 11th June, 1748, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

JOHN WRIGHT, esq. of Bolton-on-Swale, who *m.* Miss Eleanor Page, by whom, who died in 1822, aged ninety-five, had two sons and four daughters, viz.

I. JOHN-EDWARD, his heir.

II. George, *b.* 11th May, 1771, who *m.* a daughter of — Griffith, esq. of St. Asaphs, in Wales, and dying about the year 1807, left two sons,

Edward-Baines, *b.* 20th March, 1805, died in March, 1825.

George-Nathan, *b.* 21st March, 1806.

I. Eleanor, *m.* 27th March, 1793, to John Nicholson, esq.

II. Barbara-Crowe.

III. Margaret, *b.* 13th November, 1788, to the Rev. John Dehane.

IV. Sarah-Harriett, died an infant, 27th March, 1775.

Mr. Wright died at Leeds, 20th April, 1806, and was *s.* by his son, the present JOHN-EDWARD WRIGHT, esq. of Bolton-on-Swale.

Arms—Quarterly; 1st and 4th, or, a fesse chequy arg. and az. between three eagles' heads, erased of the third, for WRIGHT: 2nd. and 3rd az. three crescents, or, for RYMER.

Crest—A unicorn passant regardant, quartered, arg. and az. armed or.

Estates—In the counties of York and Durham.

Seat—Leatherhead.

Burke's Commoners also listed Grace Wright, the daughter of 1651 Francis Wright of Yorkshire County, England, and Grace (Beckwith) Wright, as married to Thomas Meryton, a son of George Meryton, Dean of York:

"Francis Wright, of Bolton-on-Swale in the county of York, who died about the year 1651, leaving by Grace, his wife, daughter of _____ Beckwith, esq. of Aldborough, in the same shire, one son and three daughters, viz.

. . . .

Grace, m. to Thomas Meryton, esq. of Castle Levington, in the same county, son of George Meryton, D.D. Dean of Peterborough , and subsequently York."

The Visitation Of The County Of Yorke by William Dugdale listed George Meryton as married to Mary Rande and died in 1624 and with son John Meryton and son Thomas Meryton, who died in 1652, and who in turn had a son Thomas Meryton, among other children. A copy of that portion of Dugdale's Visitation is shown on the following page.

BY SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE, 1665.

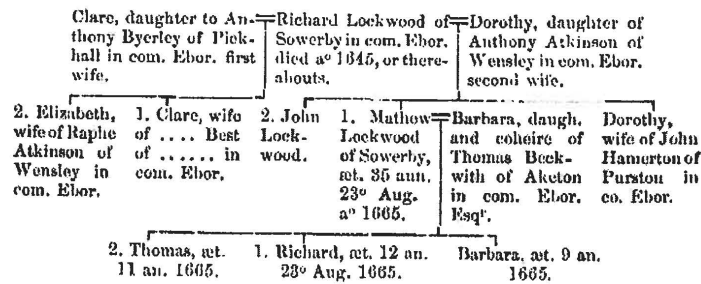
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BIRDFORTH WAPENTAKE.

Threske, 28^o Aug. 1665.

LOCKWOOD OF SOWERBY.

Arms.—..... a chevron between three cinquefoils
No proofs made of these armes.

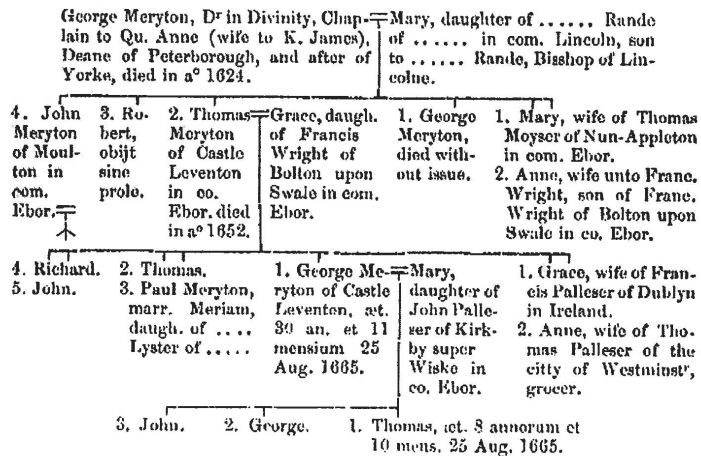


LANGBARCH WAPENTAKE.

Stokesley, 25^o Aug. 1665.

MERYTON OF CASTLE LEVENTON.

Arms.—Sable, on a chevron or three roses gules, a canton ermine.
No proofs made of these armes.



The Dictionary Of National Biography edited by Sidney Lee and published in 1909, listed the following regarding Thomas Meriton:

“Meriton, Thomas (fl.1658), dramatist, born in 1638, was the second son of Thomas Meriton of Castle Leavington, Yorkshire, and Grace, daughter of Francis Wright of Bolton-on-Swale, and so grandson of George Meriton [a. v.], dean of York, and younger brother of George Meriton [q. v.], author of the ‘Praise of Yorkshire Ale.’ He was educated at a private school at Danby Wiske, and admitted at the unusual age of four-and-twenty a sizar of St. John’s College, Cambridge, 9 May 1662, B.A. 1665, M.A. 1669.

He published two tragedies in 1658, ‘Love and War,’ dedicated to his brother, George Meriton, and ‘The Wandring Lover,’ which according to the title-page, had been ‘acted severall times privately at sundry places by the Author and his friends, with great applause.’ In the dedication to Francis Wright he mentions the fact that he had also written the ‘Several Affairs,’ a comedy, and the ‘Chast Virgin,’ a romance, but that they were only shown to some private friends. ‘Happy certainly,’ says Langbaine, ‘were those men who were not reckoned in the number of his friends.’ Langbaine describes him as ‘certainly the meanest *Dramatick* writer that ever *England* produc’d.’

[Dugdale’s Visitation of Yorkshire (Surtees Society), p. 107; J.E.B. Mayor’s Admissions to St. John’s College, 1630-1655, pt. i. p. 155; Graduat Cantabr.; Langbaine’s Account of English Dram. Poets, p. 367.]”

These records establish a person who could be the cousin of 1663 Richard Wright named Thomas Meriton in 1663 Richard’s will.

In her WorldConnect posting dated January 9, 2006, Renia Simmons stated that George Meryton was born in about 1581 in Yorkshire, married Mary Rande, and died in about 1624, and they had the following children, among others:

- 1) Thomas Meryton, born in about 1607 in Hadleigh, Suffolk, England,
- 2) Anne Meryton, born in about 1611 in Hadleigh, Suffolk, England, and
- 3) John Meryton, born in about 1615 in Hadleigh, Suffolk, England.

Ms. Simmonds also stated that Thomas Meryton married Grace Wright, daughter of Francis Wright and Grace (Beckwith) Wright, in about 1614 in Yorkshire, England, and that they had the following son, among others:

- 1) Thomas Meryton, born in 1638.

Ms. Simmonds also stated that Anne Meryton married Francis Wright in 1626 in Yorkshire, England, and that they had the following son, among others.

- 1) Richard Wright, born in 1633 in Yorkshire, England.

The will of Thomas Meriton, Gentleman of Castle Levington, Yorkshire, was dated on March 20, 1652, and probated on November 28, 1654, and is available from the United Kingdom National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, Catalogue Reference Prob 11/240, Image Reference 643/525. In her email dated April 10, 2010, Renia Simmons provided an abstract of that will which listed the following beneficiaries:

Wife Grace Wright,
Brother Francis Wright,
Sister Anne Wright,
Nephew Francis Wright,
Nephew Thomas Wright,
Nephew William Wright,
Niece Anne Wright, and
Niece Grace Wright.

This list of beneficiaries is consistent with Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire for the family of Francis Wright and Anne (Meryton) Wright and the family of George Meryton and Mary (Rande) Wright.

Ms. Simmonds also stated that John Meryton married Elizabeth Smithson and that they had the following son:

- 1) Matthew Meryton.

The will of John Meriton, Gentleman of Bolton upon Swale, Yorkshire, was dated on February 15, 1649, and probated on February 4, 1650, and is available from the United Kingdom National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, Catalogue Reference Prob 11/215, Image Reference 443/330. In her email dated April 10, 2010, Renia Simmons provided a transcription of that will which provided in pertinent part as follows:

"Memorandum that John Meriton of Boulton upon Swale in the Countie of Yorke gent did on or about the fifteenth daie of ffebruary one thousand sixe hundred fortie nyne declare his last will or testament in these words

And my debtes being discharged and the charged of bidding my sonne Mathew Meriton an apprentice being defrayed

And for the remainder of my estates in the said tythes and gleebe with all the rest of my personall estate I make and constitute my brother in lawe Mr Thomas Smithson my assignee and my executor for the use of my sonne Mathew Meryton"

Once again, John Meryton's son Matthew Meryton would have been a cousin of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County.

As will be more fully set forth below, the will of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County referred to his cousin either "Mr. Thomas Merriton" or "Matthew Merriton". Whichever reading of the will is made, there was a Meryton/Merriton of that name who would satisfy the description of cousin of 1663 Richard Wright and who connected him to 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, and his wife Anne (Meryton) Wright.

The Dictionary Of National Biography, edited by Sidney Lee, 1909, also has a short biography of George Meriton or Meryton at Volume XIII, page 277, which mentions that the baptisms of his children were recorded in the registers of Hadleigh Parish.

The Wright DNA Project at <http://www.wright-dna.org/> has four participants who descend from 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, two from his son 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and two from his son 1674 George Wright of Yorkshire, England. All of the participants are part of Haplogroup J2 and match Y-DNA with from 1 to 4 mutations.

Jeffrey Wright, co-administrator of the Wright DNA Project has prepared a chart of the line of descent for each participant from 1655 Francis Wright and that chart is shown on the next page:



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The documentation for the lines of descent of these participants is given in The Identification Of 1792 John Wright Of Fauquier County As Not The Son Of 1729/30 John Wright Of Stafford County by this author.

As set forth in the chart, the four participants match Y-DNA closely and have a common Wright ancestor. Given the documented lines of descent, the common ancestor was 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England.

Fourth and finally, in his email dated February 5, 2020, Nathan Murphy stated that he had found the following London apprenticeship record for Richard Wright:

"1649 Jul 3, Rich[ardus] Wright fil[ius] Fr[ancisci] Wright de Boulton in Com[itatu] Ebor[acensis] gent[leman] po[nit] se app[re] Wm Allen Civi et vint[ner] London p[ro] 7 an[ni]s a dat[um]"

Translation: 1649 Jul 3, Richard Wright son of Francis Wright of Boulton in the County of York, gentleman, puts himself apprentice to William Allen Citizen and vintner of London for seven years [from this date]."

As set forth below, in 1655 Richard Wright acted as attorney in fact for William Allen in Virginia.

Based on the evidence set forth above, 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County is identified as the son of 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, and Anne (Meryton) Wright.

The remainder of this section discusses the records for 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County in Virginia.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin and published in 1932, stated that on March 21, 1655, at Northumberland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1652-1658/43, Richard Wright won seven judgments:

"Court of 21 March 1655. Mr Richard Wright sued and received judgments against Mr. James Hawley for 2498 pounds of tobacco; 371 against Thomas Lambkin; 660 pounds against Wm Cornish; 443 pounds against Samll Nicholls; and, as attorney for Wm Allen of London, merchant, for 460 pounds against Thomas Shawe; and for 638 pounds against Anthony Lenton at a continued session."

This record indicates that Richard Wright had migrated from England to Virginia by March 21, 1655, and had risen from apprentice to attorney in fact for William Allen of

London.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts. Vol. II. Northumberland County Records, 1652-1655, by Beverly Fleet and published in 1937, listed the following depositions from Northumberland County, Virginia, Record Book 14/52:

"Record Book #14. page 52.

. . . .

Mr Rich'd Wright
his Depo

Richard Wright aged 22 yeares or thereabouts sworne - - - that Mr Colclough told this depont after hee made - - - that hee was glad Coll Mottrom had done what he had done - - - to his children for hee the sd Mr Colclough sd hee - - - in a m - - - fudled and further this depont sayeth that they were drinking -alf a daye just before the will was made & further sayeth not

Richd Wright 20 August 1655 Jurat in Cur.

. . . .

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also stated that on August 20, 1655, at Northumberland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1652-1658/52, Richard Wright gave the following deposition:

"Mr Richd Wright)
His Depo:)

Richard Wright aged 22 years or thereabouts Sworne & examin'd Sayth that Mr Colclough told this Depont after hee made Coll Mottrom's Will that hee was glad Coll Mottrom had done what hee had done in relacon to his Children [etc]

Richd Wright

20th August 1655. Jurat in Cur."

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1650-1655, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, also stated that on August 20, 1655, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1652-58/52, Richard Wright gave the following deposition:

"Richard Wright aged 22 yeares or thereabouts being sworne & examined sayth that Mr. Colclough told this Depont. after hee made (____) that he was glad Coll: Mottrom had done what he had done, (____) to his Chilrenfor hee the said

Colclough (____) fudled & farther this Depont sayth that they were (____) days inst. before the Will (____) & farther sayth not

Richd: Wright

20th August 1655. Jurat in Cur"

These last three records indicate that Richard Wright was born in about 1633. Virginia Colonial Abstracts. Vol. II. Northumberland County Records, 1652-1655, by Beverly Fleet, listed the following depositions from Northumberland County, Virginia, Order Book 2 and Record Book 14:

Page 62:

"Order Book #2. 20th August 1655, page 33.

. . . .

Mr Wright
agt
Alice Atkinson

Whereas it appeareth unto tho Court that Alice Atkinson hath in a most infamous manner defamed Mr Richd Wright in taxing him of Ravishm't and noe proof thereof Tho Court doth therefore order that the said Alice Atkinson shall have twenty stripes upon her bare shoulders forthwith

Page 129 to 131:

"Record Book #14. page 52.

. . . .

Caption worn away.

John Haynie aged 31 yeares or thereabouts sworne and examined sayeth That all the comendacons that ever hee heard of Alice Atkinson is that shee was a Whore and further this depon't sayeth not John Haynie 20th August 1655 Jurat in Cur.

Note: If Alice is being commended then what, if you please, would be adverse criticism ? B.F.

- - Grinsted
- Depo

William Grinsted aged 21 yeares or thereabouts sworne and examined sayeth that hee this depon't had the opportunity to lay his hand upon the thigh of Alice Atkinson her smock being betweene and further sayeth not Wm Grinsted his

marke 20th August 1655 Jurat in Cur.

- - Knight
his Depo

Peter Knight aged 35 yeares or thereabouts sworne and examined saith That the generall report of Alice Atkinson that hee ever heard was shee was an ill liver and one that never would live with her husband but that shee rather alwaies was desirous of absence from her husband then for to live with him and further this Depont sayeth not Peter Knight 20 August 1655 Jurat in Cur.

Note: The following entry, out of place in the book, is introduced since it is the keynote to others that are included. Any man of any experience can immediately read between the lines. If Dick Wright had just been prepared with a little ready cash, as a gentleman should have been, we would have been deprived of this enlightening glimpse of colonial life.

The entry has been mutilated twice, in that the first name of Richard Wright has been scratched over with modern ink in an effort to destroy his identity. Knowing the first name to be Richard, the original is plainly visible beneath the erasure.
B. F.

Northumberland Co. Virginia. Record Book #14. page 56.

Aljos Atkinson her
Examination

August the 22th 1655. The examination of Alice Atkinson shee this examin't sayeth That being in company with Mrs Salisbury shee the sd M'ris Salisbury carried this examin't into the company of Mr Richd Wright Mr Clay James Aston & severall others in a short time the company deputed and this examin't & Mrs Salisbury left alone Mrs Salisbury sd shee would goe to the Court & heare the cause tryed concerning Mr Morris his maide & asked mee if I would goe with her this examin't replied & said shee was not very well but told her the sd Mrs Salisbury that if shee were any better shee would come imediatoly after M'ris Salisburys deputation came Samuel Bonham w'th some wine & asked this examin't where M'ris Salisbury was this examin't told him that shee was gone to the Court to heare a Cause tryed concerning Mr Morris his maide the said Bonham asked this examin't if he should call M'ris Salisbury this examin't answered yes if hee pleased presently after the said Bonham was gone came Mr Richard Wright where this examin't was & sate downe by her & asked this examin't to lye with her but this examin't told him shee would not consent to any such thing tho sd Mr Wright swore hee must & would lye with her shee this examin't desired him as he was a gen't to forbear such incivilities yett - - notwithstanding all this prevailed nothing but the sd Mr Wright threw this Examin't downe & with struggling this

examin'ts - (blotted here) - clothing came of & gott upon this examin't by force & Ravished her & shee cried out twice as loud as shee could & told him what Law would aforde her shee would not spare him in. imediatly after the sd Mr Wright went into tho weedes, Mr Willsford came presently after this & asked this examin't if shee were alone Mr Wright heareing Mr Willsford speake made answere & came out of the weedes & they two went away together, presently came after Mr Clay Mr Horsley & James Ashton with wine & asked this examin't to drinke but shee answered them noe but one tooke her by one hand & another by the other hand & dranke a health to him that lays with her last but shee this examin't refused to drinke & as soone as shee had made ready her head shee this Examin't went away & left the company & as shee goeing by the way mett w'th Mrs Salisbury & told her the sd M'ris Salisbury what bad fortune had befallne her the sd examin't M'ris Salisbury answered & said that Mr Wright was a gen't & that it was pittie: the sd Mrs Salisbury bid this Examin't tarry there & shee would goe & call Mr Wright soe when Mr Wright came Mrs Salisbury taxed him of the matter at the first Mr Wright denied it but after hee did not much stand out in it & told this Examin't that if shee would make noe words of it & be friends w'th him hee would give her satisfaction for the wrong hee had done her And further this Examin't sayth not"

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1655-1658, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, also stated that on August 22, 1655, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1652-58/56, Alice Atkinson gave the deposition regarding Richard Wright set forth above.

In her letter dated March 30, 2005, Jo Anne Mackby enclosed an excerpt from The First Gentleman Of Virginia, by Louis B. Wright, which summarized the deposition set forth above:

" . . . One Alice Atkinson accused Richard Wright, "aged 22 yeares or thereabouts," of ravishing her. In a deposition she testified that she told a certain Mrs. Salisbury of her misfortune and that Mrs. Salisbury replied "that Mr. Wright was a gentleman and it was a pity." In Record Book No. 2, under date of Aug. 20, 1655, there is the following entry (spelling modernized and abbreviations expanded): "Whereas it appeareth unto the Court that Alice Atkinson hath in a most infamous manner defamed Mr. Richard Wright in taxing him of ravishment and no proof thereof, the Court do therefore order that the said Alice Atkinson shall have twenty stripes upon her bare shoulders forthwith." Apparently Wright, probably a rowdy young blade just arrived in the colony, had been mixed up in a drinking brawl, and the evidence is vague as to precisely what happened. The clues are to be found in Beverley Fleet, *Virginia Colonial Abstracts. Vol. II. Northumberland County Records, 1652-1655* (Richmond, Va., 1937), pp. 62, 129-31."

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1655-1658, by Ruth &

Sam Sparacio, stated that on May 20, 1656, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1652-58/83, Richard Wright gave the following testimony in support of Captain William Barker:

"Whereas Capt. Wm: Barker, Comandr: of the Shipp, "William of London", doth conceive hee may be questioned in England by reason hee protested not the last yeare, wee whose names are here under written doe testifie before the Worpll. Comrs. of the County Court of Northumberland that the Comandr: with his Mate & Officers were sick in ye Country of Virginia wch: was the onely cause of his not protesting formerly wch: to our knowledge hee had a great desire might be done.

William Barker
Richd: Wright
Francis Clay

20th May 1656 Jurat in Cur."

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on May 29, 1656, at Northumberland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1653-1685/145, Richard Wright entered into an agreement with Hugh Lee for the shipment of 60 hogsheads of tobacco to London:

"Mr Richard Wright &)
Mr Hugh Lee)
Their Agreeemt For Fraught of Tobco)

This Writeing Indenture made in the yeare of our Lord God May 29th 1656. Betwixt Richard Wright of London, mercht being homeward bound on the one p'ty & Mr Hugh Lee of Virginia gent. on the other p'ty. Wittneseth that it is Covenated & agreed by & betweene the sd p'ties to these prsents for themselves their Exrs & assignes that the sd Richard Wright or his assignes shall p'vide or cause to be p'vided to the takeing of sixty hoggsds of Tobacco in some able Shipp yt Shall arrive in the Bay, the William not deneyed in this obligacon, if shee or any other sufficient Shipp shall arrive here in the Bay at or before the 1th of March next ensuing the date hereof, where the sd Shipp being arrived the sd Tobco shall be all ready within fourty dayes after her arrival, to be fetched Aboard by the Shallops or boates belonging to the sd Shipp wch the sd Richard Wright shall p'vide or cause to be p'vided Mr Hugh Lee, paying fraught for th esd goods Seaven pounds p. tunn for England or Eight pounds p. tunn for Zeeland, & soe for a lesser quantity than a tun accompting foure Virginia hoggsds for a tunn wth primage & average accustomed, the danger of the seas excepted

ffor the pformance whereof, I, Richard Wright of London, mercht doe bind

myselfe heires & assignes in the sume of two hundred pounds Sterl. unto Hugh Lee, gent., & to pformance of the sd Covenants & agreemts as above I Hugh Lee doe bind myselfe, heires & assignes in th elike sume of two hundred pounds Sterling. In Wittnes whereof wee have sunderly putt our hands the day & yeare above written

Hugh Lee

Sealed & delivered in the prsence of Wm Barker (ye marke), Seth Ffoster.
26 May 1658 this Writeing was Recorded”

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1655-1658, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on November 23, 1657, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1652-58/132, Richard Wright filed his account for the children of Jonathan Mottrom:

“The Children of Coll. Jno: Mottrom is (); 1 sute of cloathes for John Mottrom, 1 searge gowne & petticoate for Miss Ann; 1 serge gowne for Fraunces Land; 11 paire of shooes, 1 caster for John; 20 ells of holland at 35; 4 ells of fine holland; 5 yds. of searge, 3 m. of pinns, 1 white browne thred; fine thred; paire worsted hose; 2 paire woolen hose; 24 yds. of ribin, 4 peices of small ribin, 12 yards of course ribin, 1 b of brown thred, needles, 1 long coate for John; 1 paire of woolen hose 3895. Reced. as for ye Sloopes hire for 2 moneths.

p. Rich: Wright

Mr. Wright his Accot. charge to ye Servants of ye Children of Coll. Mottrom:

23 9br. 1657. This Accot. recorded. The Servants of ye Children is Dr. p goods delivered the Administrator; 1 iron pott, 1 auger, 3 weeding hoes, 2 lbs. of powder, 1 hoe & 1 adds, 1 fie & ax, To Thomas Hasolip, 10 shirts at 28 ells of Lockrum; 5 paires of drawers, 2 m 20d. nailes 1351

p. Rich: Wright

23 9br. 1657. This Accot was recorded”

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Richard Wright and Anne Mottrom as before March 1656/57 and the second marriage of Anne (Mottrom) Wright to David Fox and the third marriage of Anne (Mottrom) (Wright) Fox to St. Leger Codd:

“Wright, Richard & Mottrom, Anne; bef. Mar 1656/57; groom was a merchant, formerly of London, but more recently of Chickacoan; bride was a dau. of Col. Jn. Mottrom (d. NC 1655); she mar. (2) David Fox & (3) Col. St. Leger Codd; (LC

Mottrom: 54-55; Wright 1:127)

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1655-1658, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on May 7, 1657, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1652-58/133, Richard Wright appointed his wife Anne Wright and Walter Brodhurst as his attorneys in fact:

“Knowe All Men by these pr:sents yt: I Richard Wright have constituted & ordained my welbeloved Wife, Anne Wright, and Walter Brodhurst my true & lawfull Attorneys or either of them to demand receive all such debts other goods or any things that doeth in any way belong to me in the Colony of Virginia either in my owne right or the right & behalfe of the Orphans of Coll. Jno: Mottrom deced., in what may concerne the right of their lands goods or chattles & for denyall of payment I doe give my said Attorneys power or either of them to sue & imprison according as they or either of them shall think convenient and allsoe I doe empower my Attorneys or either of them to act for mee in anything that doeth belong to my owne Land or the Land belonging to the Orphans of Coll. Jno: Mottrom deced., & what my Attorneys or either of them shall legally doe I doe ratifie & confirme as if I were P:sonally pre:sent;

In Wittness whereof I the sd. Richard Wright have hereunto sett my hand & seale the 7th day of May 1657

Sealed signed & delivered Richard Wright
in the p:sence of us
Augustine Hull
Rice Maddocke
Jno: Watson his mke.

23th 9br. 1657. This Lre. of Attur: was recorded”

This record indicates that Richard Wright and Anne (Mottrom) Wright were married before May 7, 1657.

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1658-1662, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on August 14, 1658, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-66/10, Richard Wright delivered for viewing the cattle belonging to the children of Jonathan Mottrom:

“The Cattle belonging to ye Children of Coll: Jno: Mottrom deced. () Eig() three Oxen, twelve () & seaven calves; three Bulls, fower yearling heyfers, two yearling steers - 39; being ordered p ye Cort. of Northumberland to view the Cattle belonging to the Estate of the Children of Coll. Jno: Mottrom which is thirty two of all sortes & the Calves; As Witness our hands the 14th of August 1658

John Mottram
Robert Sech
Rich: Wright

The Cattle abovesd. I have reced. in my possession
20 7br: 1658. This Writeing was recorded"

On September 28, 1661, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 1/265,
Richard Wright and Nicholas Spencer obtained a patent for 1100 acres of land in
Westmoreland County on the freshes of the Potomac River:

"To all &c whereas &c now Know Ye that I the said Francis Morrison Esqr. doe
with the consent of the council of state accordingly give and grant unto Richard
Wright and Nicholas Spencer Eleven hundred Acres of land situate in potomack
freshes above pascattaway and bounding Easterly on the land called W John
Ashtons land & running northerly by the river 275 poles and westerly into the
woods 640 poles, the said land being formerly granted Vizt, 600 Acres thereof to
Robert Bradshaw and James Clonton and 500 acres to Edward Williams by
pattent dated the 15th of July 1657. and by them deserted for want of seating,
and is now granted to the said Wright and Spencer by order of the Governor and
council bearing date herewith and is due onto them by and for the transportation
of 22 persons into this Colony whose names are in the records mentioned under
this pattent. Given at James Citty under my hand and the seal of the Colony this
28 day of September 1661.

Francis Morrison
Thomas Ludwell Secy

September 6th 1665. This pattent was recorded."

York County, Virginia, Records 1659-1662, by Benjamin Weisiger, stated that on
October 31, 1661, at York County, Virginia, Record Book 1659-1662/136, the following
bond dated September 27, 1661, was recorded:

"I, Richard Wright of Northumberland County, Va., Merchant, am indebted to
William Strange of Landon, Merchant, for £28 and bind my self to pay, 27 Sept.
1661

Condition is that if Richard Wright repay £14 to Strange by 10th March next,
bond is void.

Wit: Tho Ballard, Ro. Pyland Richard Wright
Recorded 20 Oct. 1661"

On April 7, 1662, at Patent Deed 4/305, Richard Wright patented 2,200 acres of
land in Westmoreland County, part of which was due by reason of his marriage to the

daughter of Colonel John Mattron:

"To all &c Whereas &c. now Know ye that I the said Samuel Mathews Esq. &c. give and grant unto Richard Wright, Two thousand, two hundred Acres of Land lying and being in the County of Westmorland on the South West side of Patomack River, bounded as followeth Vizt. from the sandy point at the mouth of Armsbies Creek unto Mattrons point West North West Upon Nominy Bay, thence to Wright Virgin Creek Northeast upon Patomack main River, thence Southeast South and Southwest to a marked Corner red Oak upon the said Wright Virgin Creek thence South South West & West by marked Trees and a small Creek to the place it began, but the Sine runing from the marked red Oak North West 100 poles to a marked Hickory by Maiden path thence North North East along the said path 42 poles to a marked red Oak, thence West north West 500 Poles to Armsbies Corner White Oak thence West and Westerly in & by Armsbies Line and a small gut or Creek to the place it began ul(?) Supra. The said Land being due unto the said Richard Wright As followeth Vizt. 963 Acres being formerly granted unto Colo John Mattron by patent dated the 13th of August 1650 & Now due unto the said Wright as marrying the daughter of the Said Colo Mattron and 500 Acres Another part thereof being formerly granted unto Thomas Wilkinson by patent dated the 18th of October 1650 and afterwards granted unto Thomas Brereton by patent dated the 8th of June 1658 and by him Assigned to the said Wright, and the residue being Seven hundred and thirty Seven Acres of Land by and for the Transportation of Fifteen persons &c. To Have &c yielding &c. Dated the 7th day of October 1658.

This patent renewed and granted to the Said Richard Wright the 7th of April 1662 by Colo. Francis Moryson Esq. Governor &c.

Fra. Kirkman"

On August 18, 1662, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 1/176, Richard Wright and his wife Anne (Mottram) Wright of Chickacone, Northumberland County, sold to Nicholas Spencer 900 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know Ye that we Richard Wright of Chickacone in the County of northumberland in Virginia Gent: and Anne Mottram Alias Wright the wife of the said Mr Richard Heaberd [written over with Wright] and natural and lawfull daughter of Colo John Mottram late of Chickacone aforesaid deceased for and in consideration of a Valuable sum of lawfull money of England unto them by Nicholas Spencer of Chikacone aforesaid Gent: at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents well and truly paid and Contented the full reciept and satisfaction whereof the said Mr Richard Wright and Anne his wife doe hereby Acknowledge and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof doe release acquitt exonerate and discharge the said Nicholas Spencer his heirs Executors Admors and assigns and every of them forever firmly by these presents And for divers other good sufficient and lawfull causes and Considerations them the said Richard Wright and Anne his wife at

this present thereunto especially moveing have given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents for them and either of them their and either of their heirs and assigns doe fully clearly and Absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the said Mr Nicholas Spencer his heirs and assigns a parcel of land containing nine hundred Acres of land be it more or less lying and being in nomony Bay in the County of Westmoreland in Virginia being bounded as followeth, west northwest and by west into nomony Bay and east northeast upon Potomack river southeast upon a great pond, and soe bounded by a line of marked trees beginning at the head of the main branch of the aforesaid pond dividing this land from the land of Richard Wright cutting the head line of the whole dividend West on the line of John Armsby deceased and south and by west on the head line and a creeke which divideth this land of the said Spencer and the land of the said Armsby being part of a dividend of land granted by Governor and Council of Virginia by pattent containing nine hundred and sixty three Acres of land unto Colo John Mottram as aforesaid deceased bearing date the 13th of August 1650 and since renewed and more land adjoining thereunto added by pattent and to and by the aforesaid Richard Wright bearing date the 7th of October 1658. And I the said Anne Mottram alias Wright the now wife of the aforesaid Richard Wright doe declare that this sale of mine is clearly freely and of mine owne Accord without any Constraint coercion compulsion Threatings or menacing of my said husband and this I doe Acknowledge to all intents and purposes of law To have and To hold all the said demised land bounded as aforesaid unto the said Mr Nicholas Spencer his heirs and assigns forever with all priviledges and Advantages whatsoever as is granted to the said Richard Wright by pattent by the Governor and Council of Virginia aforesaid the said Nicholas Spencer his heirs and assigns paying to our sovereign lord the King his heirs and successors the accustomed Quitrent for the said land herein demised According to the tenor of the pattent Lastly the said Richard Wright and Anne his wife doe for themselves their and every of their heirs and assigns Covenant promise and grant to and with the said Nicholas Spencer his heirs and assigns and to and with every of them by these presents that the said Mr Nicholas Spencer his heirs and assigns shall and may fully and quietly and peacibly have hold Occupy possess and enjoy the said demised premisses without the lawfull act suit trouble denial eviction disturbance or interruption of them the said Richard Wright and Anne his wife their or any of their heirs and assigns or of any other person or persons lawfully Claiming or haveing any estate right title or Interest of or unto the aforesaid demised premisses or of or unto any part or parcel thereof by from or under the said Richard Wright or Anne his wife their heirs and assigns or any of them and from all and any sale or sales precontracts, alienations or assignment of any part or parcel of the demised premisses to any person or persons whatsoever In Testimony of the truth of the premisses we have hereunto Jointly set our hands and seals this 18th of August 1662

Signed Sealed and Deli-)
 vered in presence of us)
 V. Peyton Richard Wright

Gerrard Fowke

August the 20th 1662. This Conveyance was Acknowledged by Richard Wright and W Isaack Alliston attorney of Mrs Anne Wright and then recorded

Wright)
To)
Allerton)

Know all men by these presents that I, Anne Wright doe constitute and appoint Isaack Allerton my true and lawfull attorney to Acknowledge a parcel of land sold by my husband Richard Wright to my brother Nicholas Spencer lying in nomony bay and doe further declare that it is with my free consent and good likeing and whatsoever my said attorney shall doe I will ratify and confirm as though I was personally present myself As Witness my hand and seal August the 15th 1662.

Sealed and Delivered) Anne Wright
in the presence of)
Thomas Vaghan)
Edmond Helder)

August the 20th 1662. This letter of attorney was recorded."

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on January 17, 1662/63, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-68/107, Robert Tomlin appointed Richard Wright as his attorney in fact:

"I Robert Tomlin of Rappahanock in Virginia doe hereby appoint my loveing Friend, Mr. Rich: Wright of Chickacone, in Virginia, my true & lawfull Attorney to implead on my behalf Mr. William Battin his heires or assignes in reference to a Bill due to mee or my assignes from the abovesd: Mr. Battin for Fower thousand pounds of bright & large tobacco in caske as my more at large appeare by an Obligacon for the sd: summe under the hand of the sd: Mr. Wm. Battin, & for recovery of the same or any charges belonging thereunto. I doe hereby fully empower my sd: Attorney to demand & use all other lawfull meanes in recovery of the same or any pte: thereof, to give discharges in my stead for the same & for confirmacon of all above written, I doe hereby affirme whatsoever shall be done by my sd: Attorney or whome hee shall appoint to be as authentique in Law as if I my selfe had done the same: In Witnesse whereof I have set my hand & seale this 17th day of January 1662

Teste Robert Goodyear
John Carpenter

Robert T Tomlins his marke

20th July 1663. This Lre. of Attorney was recorded"

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on April 14, 1663, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-68/106, Richard Wright appointed his friend Thomas Hobson as his attorney in fact:

“Knowe All Men by these pr:sents that I Richard Wright appoint my loveing Friend, Thomas Hobson, my true & lawfull Attorney for me & in my name in all such business as relates to me in the County Court of Northumberland & further doe give my sd. Attorney power to take one or more Attorneys under him & whatsoever my s: Attorney shall act or doe in the p:misses I will ratify and confirme as though I were p:sonally p:sent my selfe, As Witness my hand Aprill the 14th 1663

Teste Thomas Smith

Richd: Wright

20th July This Lre. of Atto: was recorded Anno 1663”

This same appointment of attorney in fact was apparently recorded a second time at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1662-68/107.

The will of Richard Wright was dated on August 16, 1663, and probated on December 10, 1663, at Northumberland County, Virginia, W.B. 1658-1666/114, and a xerox copy of the will is shown on the following pages:

The will is obviously severely damaged and extremely difficult to read.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, included a transcription of this will of Richard Wright. Unfortunately, Mr. Hoppin interpolated into his transcription words he thought should be in the document, but were not there. Most, but not all, of those interpolations were indicated by brackets. The following is Mr. Hoppin's transcription of the will of Richard Wright:

"[Northumberland County Record Book, 1658-1666, p.114]:

Mr Richd Wright His Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen, I, Richard Wright of Chickacone being very Sick & weake in body but of sound & pfect mind & memory doe make this my last Will & Testament in maner & forme following—

Imprs. I will & bequeath my Soule unto almighty god the giver of it, & my body to the earth from whence it came there to be decently buried And as to all my worldly goods wch it hath pleased god almighty to endow mee withall, I will & bequeath as followeth:

Item: I will & bequeath unto my loveing Wife Anne Wright the one halfe of my land lying & being upon Machoatick & Patomack River, She takeing that halfe that ioyns [joins] upon my brother Spencer, & this land to have as long as shee lives & after her death to goe to my Sonne ffrancis. Likewise I give unto my sd. Wife a Negro woman called Patience & her Child called Grande.

Item: I will & require that all my English Servants & Nigroes (not before by mee bequeathed), & all the the rest of my psonall estate in Virginia & Maryland, be equally devided into three ptes. & that my Wife have the one third, my debts & legacies being first paid.

Item: I will & bequeath the other two thirds of my Goods & Chattles & Nigroes & psonall Estate unto my [three children to be] equally devided amongst them [and should it happen that] any of them should dye before [comeing to the age of one] & twenty, or my daughter to be [married then the said estate to be] devided betweene the Survivors.

Item: I will & bequeath unto my Sonne Mo[ttrum Wright my lands on] Elke River & Sasafras River in [Maryland to him & his heires] for ever.

Item: I give & bequeath unto my dau[ghter] Anne Wright all that my sd land in the ffreshes of the Patomack River

Item: I give & bequeath unto my Son[ne] ffrancis Wright all that my land lying &

being upon Mac[hoatick & Patomack rivers, one] halfe at present & the other hal[fe upon the decease of my Wife] to him & his heirs for ever. And [I give to my said Sonne] ffrancis all my money in England [-----] for the dischargeing the exp[ences] of his and their my children's education. Likewise I doe [constitute & appoint my loveing Wife &] Sonne ffrancis my [whole and sole Executors of this my] last Will & Testament.

Item: I will & give unto my brother [John Mottrom?] as much land as ten hands can tend, hee takeing [that land lying upon the] river where Rice Maddox lives; [to remain unto] him for soe long as hee shall live, p'vided he [----- him] selfe

Item: I give unto my brother Nicholas Spencer & my sister Mrs. ffrances Spencer & my brother Mr John Mottrom each of them ten shillings to buy them a mourning ring.

Item: I will & desire that what estate I have given unto my Children may continue with their Mother untill such time as they shall come to age or my daughter to be married, & that what p'fitt shall be yearly made (their maintenance & other charges being deducted) yearly to be imployed for my children's advantage according as their mother and the Overseers of this my Will shall thinke fitt. ffrurther I will & desire that if my Wife should be married againe then my Children & their estates to be wholly at the disposall of the Overseers.

Item: I doe hereby constitute & appoint my brother Mr Nicholas Spencer & my brother Mr John Mottrom the Overseers of this my Last Will & Testament, & as for what estate I have in England, I constitute & appoint my Cozen Mathew Merriton of London, Mercht. one of the Overseers of this my last Will & Testament, desireing him in that estate to be aiding & assisting to my other Overseers.

ffurther I doe declare & make this my last Will & Testamt hereby revookeing & makeing void all Wills & Testaments whatsoever by mee formerly made.

In Witnesse whereunto I have here sett my hand and seale this sixteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty & three.

Rich: Wright [Seal]

Signed & Sealed in the presence of Jno ffountaine Edmund Helder

10th Decem:r 1663. This Will was proved in Northumberland County Court by the oathes of Mr Jno. ffountaine & Edmund Helder to be the last Will & Testament of ye sd. Mr Richard Wright Dec'd And the Will is Recorded."

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, provided the following transcription of the will:

"p. 114

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Wright of Chickacone being very sick & weake in body but of sound & p:fect mind & memory doe make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & forme following:

Imprs. I will & bequeath my Soule unto almighty God the giver of it & my body to the earth from whence it came, theire to be decently buried, And as to all my worldly goods wch: it hath pleased God almighty to endowe mee withall, I will & bequeath as followeth:

Item. I will & bequeath unto my loveing Wife, Anne Wright, the one halfe of my land lying & being upon Machoatick & Potomack Rivers, shee to have the halfe that joynes upon her Brother, Spencer, & the land to have as long as shee lives & after her death to goe to my Sonne, Francis: Likewise I give to my sd. Wife, a Negro woman called Patience & her Child called Grande;

Item. I will & require that all my English Servants & Negroes (not hereafter by mee bequeathed) & all the reste of my p:sonall Estate in Virginia & Maryland be equally devided into three ptes: & that my Wife have the one third, my debts & legacies being first paid;

Item. I will & bequeath the other two ptes: (____) & Negroes & p:sonall Estate unto (____) to be equally devided betweene them (____) any of them should dye before (____) & twenty or my Daughter to be (____) devided betweene her survivors (____);

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Da (____) land in the Freshes of Patomack (____)

Item. I give & bequeath unto my (____) Land lying & being upon (____) halfe at present & the other to him to him & his heires for ever (____) Francis all my money in England (____) for the dischargeing the (____) Administration, likewise doe (____) Sonne, Francis Wright my (____) last Will & Testament

Item. I will & give unto my Brother (____) as Ten hands can stand, hee tak (____) River whereon Rice Maddox lives (____) heires soe long as hee shall live p:vided (____)

Item. I give unto my Brothers, Nicholas Spence & (____) Spence & my Brother, Mr. John Mottrom, each of them Ten shillings to buy them a mourning ringe;

Item. I will and desire that what estate I have given unto my Children only continue with their Mother untill such time as they shall come of age or my Daughter to be marryed & that what p:fitt shall be yearly made (their maintenance and other charges beinge deducted) yearly to be employed for my Childrens advantage accordingly to their Mother and the Overseers of this my Will shall think fitt. Further I will & desire that if my Wife should be marryed

again then my Children & their Estates to be wholly at the disposal of the Overseers;

Item. I doe hereby constitute and appoint my Brother, Mr. Nicholas Spencer & my Brother Mr. John Mottrom the Overseers of this my last Will & Testament, & as for what Estate I have in England, I constitute & appoint my Cozen, Nicholas Morrison of London, Mercht., one of the Overseers of this my last Will & Testament desireing him in that Estate to be aiding & assisting to my other Overseers;

Further, I doe declare & make this my last Will & Testamt., hereby revokeing & makeinge void all Wills & Testaments whatsoever by mee formerly made; In Witnesses whereunto I have here sett my hand & seale this Sixteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty & three

Signed sealed in the presence of
Jno: Fountaine,
Edmund Holder

Richd: Wright

10th December 1663. This Will was proved in Northumberland County Court by the Oathes of Mr. Jno: Fountaine & Edmund Helden to be the last Will & Testament of Mr. Richard Wright deced., and the Will is recorded."

Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume I, by Beverly Fleet, summarized the will as follows:

"Wright, Richd. Will. Entry utilated. Dated 16 Aug 1663. Prob 10 Decr 1663. Wife Anne. Son Francis, the only name of child appearing, but refers to 'my children'. Est div in 3 parts so evidently another child. Overseer in Va brothers Nicholas Spencer and Jno Mottrom. Overseer in England "my Cozen Matthew Merriton of London merchant". Wit: Jno Fountaine, Edmund Helder. 15.114"

Using the xerox copy, the transcription by Charles Arthur Hoppin, and a transcription of the will prepared by Margaret Hill at the author's request, the following is offered as a transcription of the will of Richard Wright, with the caveat that examination of the original may result in further corrections of the words:

"In the name of God Amen I Richard Wright of Chickacone being very sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect memory doe make this my last will & Testament in maner & forme following:

Imprimis I will & bequeath my soule unto almighty god the giver of it & my body to the earth from whence it came there to be decently buried And as to all my worldly goods wch it hath pleased god almighty to endow me withall I will & bequeath as followeth

Item I will & bequeath unto my loveing wife Anne Wright the one halfe of my land lying & being upon Machoatick & Patomack River, she takeing that halfe that issues [or ioynes] upon my brother Spencer, & the land to have as long as she lives & after her death to goe to my sonne Francis Likewise I give to my sd. wife a negro woman called Patience, & her child called Grande.

Item: I will & require that all my English servants & negroes (not before by mee bequeathed) & all the rest of my psonall estate in Virginia & Maryland be equally divided into three ptes & that my Wife have the one third my debts _____ legacies being first paid.

Item: I will & bequeath the other two _____ & negroes & psonall estate unto _____ equally devided amongst them _____ any of them should dye before _____ & twenty or my daughter _____ devided betweene the survivors _____

Item: I will & bequeath unto my Sonne _____ Elk River & Sasafras River _____ for Ever

Item: I give & bequeath unto my da_____ land in the freshes of Patoma_____

Item: I give & bequeath unto my _____ land lying & being upon _____ halfe at present & the other _____ to him & his heirs for ever _____ francis all my money in Engl_____ for the dischargeing the _____ education, Likewise I doe _____ Sonne francis Wright my _____ last will & Testament.

Item: I will & give unto my brother _____ as ten hands can tend, he tak _____ river whereon Rice Maddox lives _____ him soe long as he shall live pvided _____ self

Item: I give unto my brother Nicholas Spencer _____ Spencer & my brother Mr. John Mottram _____ them ten shillings to buy them a mourning ring

Item: I will & desire that what estate I have given unto my children may continue with their mother untill such time as they shall come to age or my daughter to be married & that what pfitt shall be yearly made (their maintenance and other charges being deducted) yearly to be imployed for my Childrens advantage accordingly as their mother and the Overseers of this my Will shall thinke fitt, further I will & desire that if my wife should be married againe then my Children & their estates to be wholly at the disposall of the overseers.

Item: I doe hereby constitute & appoint my brother Mr Nicholas Spencer & my brother Mr John Mottrom the Overseers of this my last will & Testament, & as for what estate I have in England I constitute & appoint my Cozen Mr [Thomas?] Merriton of London mercht one of the Overseers of this my last Will & Testament, desiring him in that estate to be aiding & assisting to my other Overseers.

Further I doe declare & make this my last will & Testamt hereby revokeing & makeing void all wills & Testaments whatsoever by mee formerly made. In witness whereunto I have here sett my hand and seale this sixteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty & three

Signed & sealed in
the presence of
Jno: Fountaine
Edmund Helder

Rich: Wright p seale

10th Decembr 1663. This will was proved in Northumberland County Court by the oathes of Mr. Jno. Fountaine & Edmund Helder to be the last will & Testament of Mr. _____ Wright decd And the will is recorded."

This record identifies the family of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County as follows:

Wife: Anne (____) Wright

Children: 1) Francis Wright, born after August 16, 1642, and
 2) _____ Wright, a daughter, born after August 16, 1642,.

In conjunction with Patent Deed 4/305, this record identifies the wife of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County as Anne (Mattron or Mottrom or Mottram) Wright.

An important difference in the reading of the will is the name of the cousin in England appointed as overseer. While both Hoppin and Fleet read the name as Matthew Merriton, the other two overseers named in that paragraph were listed with the designation "Mr." before their name and the cousin's name appears to have the same designation "Mr." before his name, in which case the remainder of the name more likely reads Thomas. The combination of "Mr." and "Thomas" was then misread by Hoppin and Fleet as "Matthew", rather than "Mr. Thomas". As set forth above, Dugdale listed Richard Wright as a son of Francis Wright and Anne (Meryton) Wright and the grandson of George Meryton, "Deane of Yorke", and also listed Thomas Meryton as a son of Thomas Meryton of Castle Leventon and grandson of George Meryton, "Deane of Peterborough, and after of Yorke", which would make Richard Wright and Thomas Meryton cousins, consistent with both the identification of 1663 Richard Wright as a son of 1655 Francis Wright of Yorkshire, England, and Anne (Meryton) Wright and Mr. Thomas Meryton as the cousin named as overseer in 1663 Richard Wright's will.

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth &

Sam Sparacio, stated that on March 8, 1663/64, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-68/117, Anne Wright filed her inventory of the estate of Richard Wright:

"A true & p:fect Inventory of all & singular the goods cattle servants & debts of Capt. Richd. Wright deced., which were left at Chickacone in Northld. County, (viz.); Imprs. one feather bed bolster & pillowes, five old holland sheets & four pr. of canvas sheets, 6 pillowe beares & towells, one holland table cloth & eleaven holland napkins, three course table cloths & eleaven course napkins, 2 cupboard clothes, 1 great iron bund trunck; 1 great lookeing glasse; 1 brasse warming pan; 1 old haire trunck; 1 pr. bellows & 2 wickett basketts; 2 bruahes & a p:cell of old bookes; one great chest & one smaller, one small trunck; one great iron bound case & bottles; 1 small port mantua & one box, beds, bolsters & coverings, ruggs, pillowes, bolsters & blankett ruggs & blankets, Servants beds, two stooles, one low chayre, one large cedar chest, one hatt & five old bands, a belt, roasting forke, cups & one Silver spoone, pewter dish & two smaller; halfe the old pewter, flaggon, 2 candlesticks, salt seller & 2 chamber potts, 16 trenchers, 2 pr. of snuffers; two staples, 7 pr. of hindges, one payre of tongs; heaters & some flatt iron, brasse mortar & pestle, stone mortar & pestle, small iron bound caske, brasse pr. of scales & weights, 1 small iron kettle; 2 iron potts & pott hookes; 1 great brasse skillett, a great iron pott, frying pan, dripping pan, branding irons, sickles, one unfixed gun, pr. of stilliards, paire of hand screwes & 1 small bell; 1 churne, 1 powdering tub, 5 cheese fats, 8 milke trayes, 2 meale trayes & 2 payles, one cheese presse, 2 washing tubs, 3 earthen dishes & 3 butter dishes; one old Sloope sayles riggin & chayne, old heyfers; foure steeres, one bull & five yearlings, one Negro woman & two Children; five servants (vizt.) Samuel Jewell, haveing three yeares to serve; William Grandee haveing two yeares to serve; Edmund Holder, an Apothecary, two yeares to serve; wth: one Chest with some medicines; Elizabeth Holmes two yeares to serve; Margaret Richardson three yeares to serve; one copper

Debts due to Capt. Richard Wright at the time of his decease: John Clarke Dr. by Bill; Richard Bentley, John Garner, Henry Rocke, Joseph Horsley, Francis Symmons, John Earle, Christopher Boaz, Walter Weekes, Mr. Flynt by Noate: Henry Dykes Mr. James Gaylard p order; Wm. Hopkins p order; Robert Sech, Admr. of Coll: (____)

8th March 1663. Mrs. Anne Wright (____) on her Oath this to be a true & p:fect Inventory of all the Estate of her deced: Husband, Mr. Richard Wright, in Northumberland County & recorded"

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on March 10, 1663/64, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-68/117, a supplemental inventory of the estate of Richard Wright was filed:

"A true and perfect Accot. of the Apprizemt. of all & singulr the Goods chattells servants and debts of Capt. Richard Wright deced: which was brought to the view of us whose names are hereunto subscribed being by order of Court appointed for the same: March 10th 1663. Tobco: lbs

The totall sume of this Apprizemt. is 23344

Goods entered in the Inventory & yett not apprized as followeth: one paire of stilliards 3 paires of hookes & hinges, 1 old Sloope with old sayles riggin & a chaine, 1 Shallop, a Man Servant named Samll: Jewell 3 yeares to serve; 1 cow, 2 heyfers, 3 yearlings, 1 flock bed with bolster & covering, 3 paire of hinges

Peter Presly
Robert Sech
Nicholas Owen
John Contancean Apprizers

March th 10th 1663. These Apprizers of this Estate of Mr. Richard Wright deced: were sworne before mee & is recorded

Wm: Presly"

Northumberland County, Virginia, Deed & Will Abstracts, 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that in about August 1664, at Northumberland County, Virginia, County Record Book 1658-68/131, Isaac Allerton filed his statement of amounts due to the estate of Major Colclough from the estate of Colonel John Mottram which indicates that Richard Wright had been sick for some time before his death:

"There is due to the Estate of Maj: Colclough the third of Bills, papers & Writings & a third pt: of the Cattle at Nominey wth: their increase; as alsoe the Third pt: of a St(____) all wch: formerly did belonge to the Estate of Coll. John Mottram deced., as by an Award of Coll: Nath: Bacon & Capt. Tho: Stegg, doth more at large appeare, the Division of wch: I could never obtaine; since I had to doe wth: Mr. Col (____) his Estate by reason of Mr. Wrights Sicknesse, wch: made him incapable to act in matters of Accompts., & since his death the unsettlednesse of the Estate hath wholly in(____) the proceeds therein though by such Inspection as I have into the Estate, I find nothinge considerable is to be expected from such Devision aforesd.

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Isaac Allerton"

On September 6, 1665, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 1/265A, Nicholas Spencer gifted to his niece Anne Wright, the daughter of Richard Wright, his interest in a patent of land:

"Know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Spencer Gent: have given granted aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have towards Anne Wright my niece the daughter of Richard Wright within mentioned deceased doe give grant alien enfeoff and confirm unto her the said Anne Wright, all my right title and Interest to this pattent and the land therein mentioned To have and To hold to her the said Anne Wright her heirs and assigns forever with Warrantie against any claim of me my heirs and assigns. Witness my hand and seal this 6th September 1665.

Nicholas Spencer

September 6th 1665. This gift of land was Acknowledged in Court by the said Nicholas Spencer and recorded."

This record identifies Anne Wright as the daughter of Richard Wright and Anne (Mottram) Wright and the unnamed daughter of 1663 Richard Wright's will.

On August 30, 1711, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 7/230, Francis Wright quitclaimed to Francis Spencer 900 acres of land which had been formerly sold by Francis Wright's father Richard Wright to Nicholas Spencer and in which Francis Wright's mother Ann (Mottram) Wright had not properly joined:

"This Indenture made this 30th day of August in the yeare of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eleven Between Francis Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmorlnd on the One part and Francis Spencer of the pish and County aforesaid on the Other part Witnesseth that Whereas Richard Wright father of the aforesaid Wright formerly (to Witt) the 18th day of August in the Yeare of Our Lord 1662 sold and Conveyed Over unto Nicholas Spencer esqr father of the aforesaid Francis Spencer a certaine tract of Land lying scituate on Nomony bay Containing Nine hundred acres of land more or less contained in Certaine bounds in the said Deed menconed which said Land was the Just right and inheritance of Ann the daughter of Coll John Mottrom and Wife of the said Richard and Mother of the said Francis Wright and forasmuch as the said Ann did not Joyne in the said sale nor was any party to the said deed nor did not pass her right in the said land as the law requires and that by meanes thereof the same is descended & come to the aforesaid Francis Wright as heir at Law to his mother therefore he the said Francis Wright as well for and in consideracon of the sum of Seven thousand pounds of good sound merchantable Tobacco in Cask to him in hand by the said Francis Spencer already paid and satisfyed the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and from every part and parcell thereof he doth acquitt exonerate and forever discharge the said Francis Spencer his heires executors admrs and assigns as alsoe for diverse Other good Causes and Consideracons him the said Francis Wright thereunto especially moveing hath given granted bargained and sold aliened assigned enfeofft remised released and Confirmed and by

these presents doth fully Clearly Amply and absolutely give grant bargain sell Alien Assign enfeoff transferr remise release make Over and Confirm unto the said Francis Spencer the same in his actual possession now being all that his the said Francis Wright his right and tittle of in and to the aforesaid tract of land Containing nine hundred acres be the same more or less being bounded as by the said parties to these presents is now concluded Confirmed and agreed on (Vizt) Beginning at a marked white Oake standing on the maine branch of King Copssco Pond at the head thereof by the road side that that leads from the house of the said Wright to the said Spencers running thence a streight Course to a marked red Oake standing by a swamp or branch that issueth out of Armsbys creek and near the now dwelling house of Samll Chamberlin and thence down the said swamp cove and creek to the head line of the whole dividend of land of the aforesaid Wright or Mattrom thence along the said head line and the water Courses of nominy Bay to the mouth of King Copssco Pond and up the said Pond according to the meanders thereof to the first menconed beginning White Oake together with the revercon and revercons remainder and remainders with the rents issues and profitts of the prmisses and of every part and parcell thereof To Have and to Hold the aforesaid land and premisses with their and every of their appurtenances according to the meets and bounds aforemenconed together with all woods underwoods wayes water Courses orchards fences priviledges and conveniences hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same the said land and prmisses belonging and in any wayes appertaining unto the said Francis Spencer his heires Executrs admrs and assigns forever free and Clear and freely and Clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged of and from all former and Other gifts grants bargaines sales Joyntures dower titles of dower mortgages Judgments extents execucons and encumbrances whatsoever heretofore had made Comitted or done or suffered to be had made Comitted or done by the said Francis Wright or any Other whatsoever Claimeing or pretending to Claime by from or under him the said Francis Wright his heires &c: and the said Francis Wright for himself his heires &c doth Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Francis Spencer his heires &c that he the said Francis Wright his heires &c: shall and Will in due form of law acknowledge these presents in Westmorland County Court (the Justices then sitting within six months from and after the date hereof to the end the same may be enrolled and alsoe that he the said Francis Wright his heires &c shall and Will when thereunto required by the said Francis Spencer his heires &c and at the proper costs and charges in the law of him the said Francis Spencer his heires &c make doe execute signe seale and acknowledge all and every such further & other deed or conveyances and assureances in the law for the better more sure and safe conveying and Confirming the aforesaid bargained and sold land and prmisses unto the aforesaid Francis Spencer his heires &c as by him the said Francis Spencer his heires &c or by his or their Council learned in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required In Testimony the aforesaid parties to these presents hath interchangeably hereunto sett their hands and affixed their seales the day and year first above Written, Memorandum (the words the same in his actual possession now being on the eighteenth line was interlined before sealed & signed Frances Wright sealed and delivered in

presence of D McCarty Nath Pope - Westmld SC At a Court held for the said County the 29th day of August 1711 Francis Wright gentl: the above subscriber personally came into Court and acknowledged the above instrument to be his proper act and deed and the lands and prmisses therein menconed to be conveyed to Francis Spencer gentl: to be the Just right and inheritance of him the said Francis Spencer his heires and assignes forever.

Test.

Tho: Sorrell Depty Clu Comp'd

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Pr Eundm Cluum"

This record identifies the wife and son of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County as Ann (Mottram) Wright and Francis Wright.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and Ann (Mottram) (Wright) (Fox) Codd were the following:

- 1) Ann (Wright) Hacke, born before July 25, 1665,
- 2) Mottrom Wright, born before August 16, 1663, and
- 3) Francis Wright, born before November 29, 1661, and before August 16, 1663, in Chickacone, Northumberland County, Virginia.

A. Ann (Wright) Hacke And Her Husband George Nicholas Hacke

Ann (Wright) Hacke was a daughter of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and Ann (Mottram) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard²)

On September 6, 1665, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 1/265, Nicholas Spencer gifted to his niece Anne Wright, the daughter of Richard Wright, his interest in a patent of land:

"Know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Spencer Gent: have given granted aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have towards Anne Wright my niece the daughter of Richard Wright within mentioned deceased doe give grant alien enfeoff and confirm unto her the said Anne Wright, all my right title and Interest to this pattent and the land therein mentioned To have and To hold to her the said Anne Wright her heirs and assigns forever with Warrantie against any claim of me my heirs and assigns. Witness my hand and seal this 6th September 1665.

Nicholas Spencer

September 6th 1665. This gift of land was Acknowledged in Court by the said Nicholas Spencer and recorded."

This record identifies Anne Wright as the daughter of Richard Wright and Anne (Mottram) Wright and indicates that she was born before September 6, 1665.

On October 7, 1670, at Patent Deed 6/319, Ann Wright, the daughter of Richard Wright, was granted a patent for 1100 acres of land which had been formerly granted to Richard Wright and Colonel Nicholas Spencer and by the latter gifted to Ann Wright:

"To all &c Whereas &c Now Know yee that I Sr William Berkeley Knt Govrnor &c give and grant unto Mistr. Ann Wright, the Daughter of Mr Richard Wright, Eleven hundred acres of Land Sittuate in Potomack freshes above Puscatus and nding Esterly on sd River _____ the land called Mr. John Ashtons land _____ Runing northerly by sd River 275 poles and westerly into sd woods 640 poles the said land was formerly granted to Robert Bradshaw James Claughton, & by them Deserted, and four hundred acres ye Resedue was further(?) granted to Edward Williams by patton: by him deserted, and since granted to Coll Nicholas Spencer and Richard Wright by patten & order of ye Generall Court bearing date the twenty Eight of September one thousand Six hundred Sixty and one and recorded one Sixth of September on thousand Six hundred and Sixty five and is now intirely due to ye said Coll: Spencer as Survivor, and is by ye said Coll: Spencer __ of his Love and affection given & granted unto the Said Mistris Ann Wright as by Conveyance Recorded in Westmoreland County Court bearing Date the Sixth Day of September one thousand and Six hundred Sixty five may appeare, to have & to hold &c and to be Held &c yeilding & paying &c Provided &c dated this Seventh Day of October on thousand Six hundred & Seventy An: Rgs Carre: 2d __"

"Tithables of Lancaster County, Va., 1654", published in The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 5, No. 3, in January 1898, stated the following with regard to George Nicholas Hacke:

"On March 22, 1666, Ann, George Nicholas and Peter Hacke, the widow and sons of Dr. George Hacke, deceased, received a regrant of 1,000 acres in Northampton county, Va., which he had patented, but which at his death had escheated, as he was an alien. No doubt Dr. Hack was the "Captain Hacke " who was in Lancaster in 1654. He had issue: I. George Nicholas; II. Peter. The destruction of many of the records of Northumberland county renders it difficult to compile an account of the family. George Nicholas Hacke married Ann Wright, then a minor, daughter of Mr. Richard Wright, who, with Nicholas Spencer, Esq., had patented 1,100 acres on the Potomac river, September 25, 1661, which by survivorship came to Spencer, who, by deed, September 6, 1665, gave it to his niece, Ann Wright. Hacke got a regrant in 1690 (Northern Neck Land Books). Nothing appears in the extant records of Northumberland in regard to George N. Hacke or his descendants. He probably lived in another

county. . . ."

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Ann Wright and George Hack before July 9, 1690:

"Hack, George Nicholas & Wright, Ann; well bef. 9 Jul 1690; groom was a son of Dr. Geo. & Anna (Herman) Hack of Cologne, Germany, Cecil Co., Md. & Accomack Co., Va.; bride was a dau. of Rich. & Ann (Mottrom) Wright and a niece of Mich. Spencer; (NNG 2:121; Hack:253-254; Mottrom:55; Wright 1:129)

Findagrave.com listed the following for George Nicholas Hacke:

"The following information is quoted from manuscripts of Mrs. Henrietta Dawson Ayres Sheppard (1871-1960) of Hanover, PA, published posthumously as "Ayres Dawson and Allied Families":

COLONEL GEORGE NICHOLAS HACK, High Sheriff of Accomack County, Justice of the County Court, and Lieutenant Colonel of the County Militia, was the eldest son of Dr. George Hack of Cologne, Germany and later of Virginia, and Anna (Varlett) Hack, his wife, who was born in Amsterdam, Holland, as stated in her Naturalization Petition before given.

Through his marriage to Ann Wright, Colonel George Hack became possessed of 1100 acres of land in the Northern Neck of Virginia, lying along the Potomac River, in which is included the present site of Mt. Vernon. Further details concerning regarding his marriage are given further on.

Following is the first mention of George Nicholas Hack in the Maryland Records [Because of space limitations, these records are omitted here. It is a June 3, 1676 patent to 800 acres at 'Hackston,' the same land which was patented to his father].

Col. George Nicholas Hack married Ann Wright, the daughter of Mr. Richard Wright (born 1633, died 1663) of London and Virginia and his wife Ann Mottrom, daughter of John Mottrom of Chicacoan, Northumberland County, Va. SEE WRIGHT MANUSCRIPT.

. . . .

The marriage of Col. George Nicholas Hack and Ann Wright took place in the year 1670, proven by the following Land Grant, to his wife and later confirmed to him in the year 1694/5.

[Land Office, Richmond, Va. "N.N. Grants No. 2," page 121]:

"Margarett Lady Culpeper, Thomas Lord Fairfax, &c., To all &c., Whereas George Nich. Hack, the Ninth of July one thousand six hundred & ninety presented to our Office kept by Mr. Richard Whitehead that Nich. Spencer Esq. and Mr. Richard Wright obtained a patent in joint tenancy for Eleven hundred acres of deserted land in the freshes of Potowmack river within our Territory

dated the twenty eighth day of September one thousand six hundred and sixty one, as by the said patent doth more at large appear, and that upon the death of the Wright the whole Vested in the said Spencer by Survivorship who out of the affection he bore to his Neece Miss Ann Wright daughter of the said Richard did assign over his right of the whole to her by deed acknowledged in the County Court of Westmoreland the Sixth of September one thousand six hundred and sixty five and also the said Ann Wright being then a Minor did obtain a patent in her name the seventh of October one thousand six hundred and seventy, and the said George Nicholas Hack, having married the said Ann, then moved to our office for a Grant of the said land from us to confirm the same and his said wife both, for that the said patent Granted to her was since the Commencement of our grant from the King and also to make good his title if by reason of his wife's minority any Lapsure or desertion may have happen by Construction of Law for want of Sealing or the like, but for as much as that our agent Colo. Ludwell was then absent and no boddy left to Seal deeds, therefore he could not have more than his Entry registered by the said Whitehead and now moving to our present office for his Grant, know ye, therefore that we for and in consideration of the Composition and Arrears of Rent by the said Hack, and the rent hereafter reserved, have Given &c. to him the said Geo. Nic. Hack all that tract of land situate in the freshes of Potowmack, and all the right, title, property, & interest of and in to the same belonging by means of the said desertion or otherwise, bounded as followeth (Vizt) in Stafford County above Puscataway, and bounded Easterly on Potowmanck River Southerly on the land called Ashtons land, and running Northerly by the River two hundred and seventy five poles, and Westerly into the woods six hundred and forty poles, Containing eleven hundred acres Together with all &c., dated the fifth day of February Anno Domo, one thousand six hundred and ninety 4/5."

"Land Office, Richmond, Va."

[Note: This is the land on which Mount Vernon stands].

[In the next few page of Mrs. Sheppard's genealogy, she quotes various other deeds for Lt. Col. George Nicholas Hack, one of which in summary is as follows:

1699--850 acres in Northampton/Accomack County from Matthew and Martha Brown Trim of County Middlesex, England, known as Andwey Plantation, containing houses and tobacco houses. This was in present-day Hack's Neck, which would later descend to his son Peter.]

Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of Virginia, commissioned Capt. George Nicholas Hack High Sheriff of Accomack County, Virginia. He was sworn in at the Court held on June 7th, 1698, as shown in the following [omitted]. He was, at this time, the ranking Justice of the County Court.

....

After being commissioned High Sheriff, George Nicholas Hack was called Lieut. Colonel , and in the probate of his will, the witnesses, Coll. William Custis, Capt. John Washbourne and Robert Scott testified that they saw "ye sd L't Coll:

George Nicholas Hack ye Testator Sine Seall and Publish ye same as his last Will and Testament, April ye 4th, 1705."

The following summary of Col. George Nicholas Hack's will and property bequests is quoted from James Egbert Mears' "Hack's Neck and Its People" (1937):

George Nicholas Hack, son of Dr. George, obviously returned from Maryland to Accomack.....During the last decade of the seventeenth century said Lt. Col. George Nicholas Hack bought from Matthew Trim, and Martha, his wife, 850 acres, known as the "Andewey Plantation" on the south side of Nandua Creek. This property, in his will, probated in 1705, he bequeathed to his son, Peter. The property is located near the present Cedar View wharf. Lt. Col. George Nicholas Hack bequeathed to his son George (later Captain) his lands "at Pungoteague" which undoubtedly included what was later known as Muir's Neck (now included in the "Evergreen," "Rose Hill," "Fisherman's Rest," and "Myrtle Grove" farms), lying between the south shore of Pungoteague Creek and the north shore of Butcher Creek and extending eastward to the present "Evergreen" road. Said Lt. Col. George Nicholas Hack gave to his sons, George and Peter, lands at Messongo (in Accomack) and in Cecil County, Maryland. He made bequests to his daughters, Frances, Mary Margaretta, Elizabeth, and Anne."

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on July 25, 1677, Ann Wright signed as a witness to a letter of attorney by her aunt Madam Frances Spenser in Nomini of the County of Westmoreland, wife to Nicholas Spencer, Esqr., to James Gaylard, citing Westmoreland Deeds, Patents, Accounts, Depositions from 1665 to 1677, by John Frederick Dorman, at folio 325d. That document has not as yet been found. Nevertheless, if Ann Wright was of legal age to witness a document, which was then 12 years of age, then her date of birth would be probably before July 25, 1665.

B. 1700 Mottrom Or Mottram Wright, Sr., Of Middlesex County, England, His Wife Ruth (Griggs) (Mottram) (Wright) Gibson, And His Descendants

1700 Mottrom or Mottram Wright, Sr., of Middlesex County, England, was a son of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and Anne (Mottrom or Mottram) (Wright) (Fox) Codd. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard²)

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Mottrom Wright and Ruth (Griggs) Mottrom as between January 22, 1683, and December 12, 1684, and the prior marriage of Ruth Griggs to John Mottrom and the third marriage of

Ruth (Griggs) (Mottrom) Wright to Robert or John Gibson:

"Wright, Mottrom & Mottrom, Ruth (wid.); bet. 22 Jan 1683 - 12 Dec 1684; bride was the dau. & sole heir of Robt. Griggs of LC (d. 1683/4) and wid. of John Mottrom (d. bef. 1683) who was the uncle of the groom; she mar. (3) Robt. Gibson (or Jn. Gibson acc. to Mottrom:55); (RapC RB 1688-92:130; LC OB 1680-86:180; WB 5:91; CP 3:4 (Book 1:69); Griggs: 121; Mottrom: 55)"

On October 21, 1687, at Patent Deed 7/587, Mottrom Wright and John Smither patented 395 acres of land in Gloucester County:

"To all &c Whereas &c Now know ye yt I Francis Lord Howard Gover doe with ye Consent and Advice of ye Counsell of State accordingly Give and Grant unto John Smither & Mottrom Wright in Glostr County three hundred ninety five acres of land, & bounded as foll begining att a Hickary by ye five Shill Dogwood, and Runing along John Deggs line South West Of West one hundred pole in sight of Wrights plantaton to a maple, thence West to a water Oake in John Andrews Swamp on ye North side of Winter Harbour Sixty pole by ye side of Jno Deggs line, thence North Seventy five deg. West twenty pole to a Small markt Gum in a Swamp in sight of a Pine yt stands in another line of John Deggs, thence west by South two hundred and forty pole to a Saplin Hickary & an Oake and Gum just by it markt for Corner trees, thence South by West fifty Eight pole to a Small Sorrell tree markt double not known in whose line, thence South One hundred and Eighty pole to a Pine being James fosters, and Wm Smiths Corner tree, thence East North East along a line of James Fosters & Mr. Mottrom Wrights two hundred and seventy pole to Winter harbour ye head thereof & ever ye same thence ye same Course ten pole more through Wrights Corne field to another Gutt and Marsh of ye sd Harbour and over ye same fifty pole more to a Pine, just within wright's fence in all three hundred & forty poles, thence South fifty six pole over another branch of Winter Harbour on ye North Side thereof to two saplin white Oakes, thence South fifty five deg: East Sixteene pole to another Gutt, & over ye same Eighty four poles in all one hundred pole from ye white Oake Saplin down __ ye Creeke or Harbour on ye North West side thereof to a white Oake neer ye Creek side, thence South thirty deg: East sixty four poles to ye side of another Creek to a Pine just by ye Creek side, thence North halfe a poynt West sixty pole to a Small Saplin pine by a pole yt leads to line John Andrews his plantaton als Wrights, thence north half a point East Eighty pole to a Red Oake Saplin, thence north thirty degrees west one hundred & twenty pole to a Spanish Oake & maple in a Swamp of Muddy Run branch, and from thence North thirty deg: East to ye begining place. The sd land being due by & for ye transportation of Eight psons into this Collony whose names are in the Records mentioned under this Pattent. To Have and to Hold &c To be Held &c yeilding and paying &c wch payment &c Provided &c Dated this 21st day of Octor Ano Dom: 1687"

On October 20, 1688, at Patent Deed 7/685, Motrom or Motram Wright patented 1000 acres of land in Gloucester County by right of his wife Ruth (Greggs) Wright:

"To all &c Whereas &c Now Know ye yt I ye sd Francis Lord Howard Govr &c

doe with ye Advice and Consent of ye Counsell of State accordingly Give and Grant unto Mr. Motrom Wright one Thousand Acres of land and Marsh lying on ye North Side of Winter Harbour Creek in Kingstone prsh in Glostr County wch sd land belongs to ye sd Wright in right of his wife Ruth Daughter to Mr Robert Greggs decd who by his last Will and Testament Bequeathed the sd land to his foresd daughter Ruth, the sd land beginning at a great marked Pine tree Standing neer ye North Side off head off Northerly branch of Winter Harbour Creek, and adjoyning to another Devident of land formerly belonging to ye aforesd Greggs deced, and runing by a Line of markt trees yt parts this Land and the land of Jno. Deggs North East by East one hundred Eighty nine pole to a Corner Gum tree, thence East North East twenty two poles to a markt Spanish Oake, thence North by West twenty four poles to a marked Gum thence North East by North Sixty two pole to a markt pine yt parts this land from ye land of Jno Gardners, thence South by East fiteene poles to a markt Dogwood, thence North East one hundred and twenty poles thence North West twenty five poles thence North East by East Eighty nine poles to four C__endr(?) trees a Red oake, a white oake, a Gum and a Pine yt parts this land from the land of John Smither thence south half West through marshes and a small Humock of Cedars, crossing severall Coves, Gutts and a Creek to Winter Harbour Creek six hundred & forty poles, wch sd line was run by & with ye full and free Consent of Motram Wright in behalfe of his aforesd Wife Ruth on ye one part, and Jno. Smither on ye other part to be a perpetuall Bound betwixt them and their heires for Ever, thence Westerly and North West Northerly by Horne Harbour Creek according to ye severall Courses to ye head off Northerly branches thereof neer ye old Dwelling House where ye aforesd Robt. Greggs formerly lived, then North North East thirty five poles to ye great pine first specified four hundred Acres of sd Land pattented by Richd Ripley Jany 29th 1652 and by ye sd Ripley Sold to Charles Sallet and by Symon Sallet heire to ye aforesd Charles Sallet sold to George Thompson by deed of sale dated Octobr 16th 1657 and by ye aforesd Thompson sold to ye aforesd Robt Greggs by deed of sale dated Novembr ye 23d 1657 and Escheated by ye aforesd Robt Greggs in ye yeare 1666 and three hundred & seventy acres off aforesd land granted to Robt Gregs and Edward Wyat by pattent dated Aprill ye 19th 1662 the Moyety therof being made over unto ye aforesd Gregs by ye aforesd Wyat by deed of Sale dated ye 27th Octobr 1663 The Remainder being two hundred and thirty acres of land was taken up by ye sd Robt Greg by pattent wherein is inserted two hundred & fifty acres dated ye 18th of march 1662 To Have &c to Hold &c To be Held &c yeilding &c paying &c dated this Twentieth day of Octobr Ano Dom 1688"

This record identifies the wife of Mottram Wright, Sr., as Ruth (Greggs) Wright and that they were married before October 20, 1688.

On May 5, 1691, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 1/55, Mottrum Wright of Rappahannock County and Ruth Wright his wife sold to John Babtist 210 acres of land:

"This Indenture made the 5th Day of May Ano: Dom. 1691 and in the third yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady William & Mary by the Grace of

God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen Defender of the faith
 &c Between Mottrum Wright of the Parish of Cittenborne in the County of Rappo.
 Gent. & Sarah his wife of the one part and John Babtist of the Parish & County
 aforesd Plant: of the other Part Witnesseth That the sd Mottrum Wright & Ruth
 his wife for & in Consideration of the full Sum of Ten thousand two hundred
 Pounds of good Lount(?) & Merchantable Tobb in good Caske to them or one of
 them in hand well & truly Payd by the sd John Babtist his heirs & assigns by the
 receipt whereof & themselves to be therewith fully satisfyed & Payed they the sd
 Mottrum Wright & Ruth his wife do hereby Acknowledge and thereof & therefrom
 do Clearly & absolutely acquit releas & discharge the sd John Babtist his heirs &
 assigns by these psents Have given granted bargained Sold & Confirmed and by
 these psents do fully & absolutley give grant bargain Sell & Confirm unto the sd
 John Babtist his heirs & assigns two hundred & ten acres of Land Situate lying &
 being in the Parish & County aforesd on the Northwest Side of Rappo Creek part
 of the sd Two hundred & for acres of Land lying within the bounds of a Patent
 formerly granted to Lord Colnll: Hon: Fleet And by the Son & heire of the sd Fleet
 Sold & assigned unto the sd Mottrum Wright the _____ lying in & being part of the
 Moyetie or one half part of a Patent for Two thousand acres granted unto Waltr.
 Granger by Patent dated the 25th day of March 1691 and by the sd Granger
 Sold & assigned unto Colnll Jno: Walker by assignmt to the sd Grangers Patent
 dated the 20th of May 1662. And one thousand the Moyetie of the sd two
 thousand Acres of Land given by the Will of the sd Colnll & John Walker unto his
 Daughter Sarah the wife of Edwin Conway of whom the sd Mottrum Wright
 purchased the sd Two hundred & Ten Acres of Land beginning at a Small
 Corner hickory tree standing by the sd John Babtists Spring and runs thence a
 longe a line of Marked trees wch: parts this & the Land of Mr John Brown to a
 Hickory Corner tree by John Coles then a longe the back line of sd Patent North
 Two Degrees East Two & seventy perches to a Stake in the sd back line thence
 South thirty five degrees & thirty Minutes East three hundred Twenty Two poles
 to a great Poplar Standing at the head of a Valley that Issues out of the Cow
 Marsh Swamp then down alonge the sd Valley Swamp & Cowmarsh their
 Severall Courses to the mouth of a Branch wch: parts this and the sd Brown's
 Plantation then up the sd Swamp branch its Several Courses to the first
 menconed hickory Corner tree the place it begun (from wch: place the Course of
 the first above mentioned in the Deed is North Six degrees West One hundred
 forty one poles And also Rentes gardens feild fences & Inclosures together with
 all profitts Comodities Emolmnts Hereditamts and appurtinances belonging or in
 any wise apperteyning unto the said two hundred & ten acres of land as all the
 Right title & Interest wch: the sd Mottrum Wright & Ruth his wife or either of them
 have or may Claims of in & to the same hereby granted land or premisses by
 force & Virtue of the sd Grants Patents assignmts gifts or otherwise To have &
 hold the sd Two hundred & Ten acres of land & all & Singular the pmisses with
 their & every of their Rights members & appurtinances unto the sd John Babtist
 his heirs & assigns from hence forth & forever subject nevertheless unto the
 Quitrents wch: from hence forth shall grow due to ____ for & in Respect of the
 pmisses hereby granted unto their Majties their heirs or Successors And the sd
 Mottrum Wright and Ruth his wife for the Consideracon aforesd for them & their

heires the sd hereby granted two hundred & ten acres of land & pmisses unto the sd Jno Babtist his heirs & assigns shall & will for ever warrant & defend by these psents And the sd Mottrum Wright and Ruth his wife for themselves their heirs Executrs & admstrs do Covinant promise & grant to & with the sd John Babtist his heires & assigns in manner as followeth (Vizt) That they the sd Mottrum Wright & Ruth his wife at the time of the ensealing & delivery hereof have full right true title & authority to grant & Convey the sd bargained Land & premisses as aforesd and that the sd John Bablift his heires & assigns shall & may peacefully possess & enjoy the Same & every part & parcell thereof without the lett trouble or interruption of the sd Mottrum Wright & Ruth his wife or either of them their or either of their heires or any other person or persons whatsoever And further the sd Mottrum Wright & Ruth his wife shall not only in due forme of law & within the time hereby Limited acknowledge this grant(?) deed of Bargain & Sale before the Worshpll. their Majties Justices of the Peace at the Court to be held at the County aforesaid but also they & their heires at the Request Cost & Charges of the sd Jno Babtist his heires & assigns shall & will make do & acknowledge at any time or times hereafter any further or other Deed or Deeds for the better or more Sure Setling the sd Two hundred & ten acres of land & pmisses hereby granted unto the sd John Babtist his heires & assigns for ever In witness whereof the Parties aforesd to these psents Indentures Interchangeable have sett their hands & Seales the day & yeare first above written

Signd Seald & delivrd
in the prsence of
fran: Wright
James Halle

Mottrum Wright

p recognit in Cur Richmond 1^o die Febry Ano 1692 Et Recordr 14^o die ____
May ____

Wm Colston Cl Cur"

Although the deed initially referred to Mottrom's wife as Sarah, that was later in the deed corrected to Ruth.

Virginia County Court Records, Deed & Will Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1652-1710, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, stated that on November 14, 1694, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 7/94, Ruth Wright of Lancaster County appointed John Skoffon her attorney in fact to acknowledge a bond executed by Mottrom Wright:

"Know all men by these psents that I Mrs Ruth Wright of the County of Lancastr doe by these ____ fully Impower John Skoffon of the County aforesaid to bee my true and Lawfull Attorney to acknowledge my free will and Content that I will stand and ____ by a bond under the hand of Mr. Mottram Wright bearing dated

the telfth day of October 1694 and further that I _____ satsfid and contented with the pformance thereof In witness my hand and Seale this 14 day of Novr 1694

Signed Sealed and dd
in psence of us
Wm prmd
_____ Crosh _____

William Lefort"

Ruth Wright
_____ in _____ Lancaster 14 die Novembr
Anno Dm 1694

_____ Cl Cur

On October 11, 1695, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/39, Mottram Wright, Sr., gave eight slaves to his son Mottram Wright, Jr.:

"Know all men by these presents that I Mottr: Wright Senr doth by these presents give assigne & deliver these Eight Negroes as being four men & four women bought by me ye sd wright for my Son Mottr Wright Junir and doth delivr ye sd negroes to my sd Son Mottr before these present persons as shall here wittness ye same Instrumt: of writeing and for my sd Son Mottr Wrights use with there increase for Ever without any mollestacon what Ever as wittness my hand & Seale this ye 11th day of Octobr 1695

Signed sealed & delivered Mottr Wright
in ye psence of us
Roland Lawson Senr
Edwd Gibson p sig:
John Gwye
Charles Higginson

negro Frank
negro Nora & her Encrease
negro Betty & her encrease
negro Peter
negro Dido & her encrease

Att a Court held for Lancastr County ye 10th day of Febry 1702 Edwd Gibson made oath yt he see the sd Wright signe seale & deliver ye above instrumt: to the uses therein exprest

Test
Jos Tayloe, CL

Recorde p Idem Jos Tayloe"

On October 25, 1898, at Northern Neck Land Grant 2/295, Matrum Wright obtained a grant for 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres of land in Lancaster County:

"Margarett Lady Culpeper Thomas Lord Fairfax &c. To all &c. Whereas &c. Now

Know ye that we for and in consideration of the composition &c. do Give and Grant unto Matrum Wright of the County of Lancaster &c all that parcel of five and one third acres of land in the said County of Lancaster bounded as followeth (Viz) beginning at a white oak, running north East up Slanglers Creak, from thenc edown the creek to a Sandy parcel from thence to the beginning, South East containing and being new land out for five acres and one third of an acres Together &c. Royall mines Exception &c. To have and to hold &c. yielding and paying one Shilling yearly &c. provided &c. dated the twenty fifty day of October one thousand Six hundred and ninety eight.

W. F."

Although listed as "twenty fifty", the day seems clearly to be October 25th, 1698, indicating Mottrom Wright's residence in Lancaster County on that date.

The will of Frances Moore dated June 17, 1700, and probated on March 10, 1701/2, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/108, named Mottrom Wright, Sr., as executor and made a gift of a mare to Mottrom Wright, Jr., and her wearing apparel to Frances Wright, daughter of Mottrom Wright, Sr., and gave the residue of her estate to Mottrom Wright, Sr.:

"In the Name of God Amen, I Frances Moore doe make and ordaine this my last Will in manner following;

Item. I give unto Mottrom Wright Junr., my mare branded G.K., with her colt & my Cow & yearling;

Item. I give unto Frances Wright, Daughter of Mr. Mottrom Wright Senr., all my wareing clothes apparell in generall;

Item. I give unto Nicholas Atkins (my Nephew) my two cows and Sow wth: their futr: increase;

Item. I give to my Sister, Knight, one Stone Ring;

Item. I give to my Sister, Mary, one hoop Gold Ring;

Item. I give to my Sister, Atkins, fifteen shillings to buy her a Ring;

Item. I give unto Mr. Mottrom Wright Senr., one hoope halfe Ring,

Item. And lastly, my Will is that Mr. Mottrom Wright Senr. may have and enjoy all ye remainder of my Estate that it has pleased God to bestow upon me, Also my Will is that Mr. Mottrom Wright Senr. be my whole and sole Exer. of this my last Will. Dated ye seaventh day of June 1700.

Elizabeth Dox
Thos: Walter

Probat Last Will and Testamt. in Cur Com Lancast: uno decimo die Martii Ano:
Dom 1701/2 p Oaths of Elizth: Dox and Thomas Walters, admitted to record

Teste
Jos: Tayloe, Cl Cur"

The will of Mottrom Wright, Sr., was dated on October 8, 1700, probated on
October 10, 1700, in Middlesex County, England, and in July 1701 at Lancaster County,
Virginia, W.B. 8/103, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen the eighth day of Octbr Anno Domini 1700 and in the
twelfth year of the Reigne of our Soverigne Lord William the Third by the grace
of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c I
Mottrom Wright of Milsend in the Parish of St Dunstons Stepney als Stebonheath
in the County of Midlesex Mercht being att this present time Sick and weak in
body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory praised be god for it yet
Considering with my Self the frailty of all flesh the Certainty of Death and the
Uncertainty of the time and houre thereof and to the end noe Differances
hereafter may be by and amongst my Relations for and concerning any of my
estate whatsor doe therefore make publish and Declare this my last will and
Testamt in manner and form following that is to Say first and princably I doe
committ and Recomend into the hands of Almighty God my maker my Soul
which is imortall and dieth not hopeing and Stedfastly beliving to Receive full and
free pardon and Remission of all my Sinns by and Through the merrits
preceous death and passion of my ever blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
and my body I Committ to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried with
decency and as touching Such worldly estate as it Shall please God to bless me
with all att the time of my Decease my Debts and funerall Charges being first
deducted Satisfied and paid I doe give devise bequeath and Dispose thereof as
followeth That is to Say Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances
Wright the Sum of one hundred pounds of Lawfull money of England and also
Seven hundred Acers of my land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahk
Creek in Virginia to be taken out of my Land not hurting my manner Plantation
There to hold the Sd Seven hundred Acres of Land with the appurtenances unto
my Sd Daughter Frances Wright and to her heires and assignes for ever Item I
give Devise and bequeath unto my Sonn Mottrom Wright the Sum of Six
hundred pounds of like money and alsoe all my houses Mesuages Lands
tenements orchards plantations and hereditements with the Appurtenances
Scituate in Virginia or else where except the Seven hundred Acres of Land
above given to my Daughter Frances Wright To hold unto my Sd Son Mottrom
Wright and to his heires and assignes for ever Item I further Give and Bequeath
unto my Sd Son Mottram Wright the last Six Negroes I bought Item I give and
bequeath unto my Cousin Jno Wright of puttomack River in Virginia the Sum of
fifty pounds of Lawfull money of England Itam I give and bequeath to each and

every other of my Children born of the body of my wife Ruth Wright the Sum of Twenty Shill a peace and noe more Itam I give and bequeath onto my aforenamed Two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright all the rest Residue and Remainder of my Temporall estate be it of wt kind nature or quality Soever or whereso: that Shall of Right belong or appertaine unto me after the Legacies herein before given and bequeathed are Satisfied and paid to be Shared and parted between them my Sd two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright part and part a like and in case of the Death or Decease of either of my Sd. Children Mottrom or Frances Wright before the age of Twenty one years or day of Marriage then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies of him or her Soe dieing unto the Survivor of them and to his and her heirs and assignes forever and in Case of both their Decease before Marriage or age of Twenty one years then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies before given to them my Two Children Mottrom and Frances unto my Cousin John Wright and to his heires and Assignes for ever and I Requestt my Loving friend Capt John Purvis to be overseer of this my will and that he would see my Son Mottrom Wright brought up and educated according to the Church of England and I doe hereby make Nominate and appoint my Sd Son Mottrom Wright to be full and Sole Exeocr of this my last will and Testamt Renouncing and Revoking all former and other wills gifts and bequests by me heretofore made or given and this only to be taken as my last will and Testamt and none other In Testimony whereof I the Sd Mottram Wright have unto this my last will and Testamt Contained in two Sheets of paper unto each Sheet Set my hand and Seal and published and Declared the Same to be my last will and Testamt the day and year first above written Mottram Wright Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the presents of J. Sharp A: M: James Besouth Hanah Bradley Thomas Quilter Noty Pub qs

Thomas - Providentia Dina Cani Archispus totius Anglia primas ae Metrope Dilect Nobis in Xpo Johann Purvis Curotori Legitime assignocto Mottrom Wright minori Filio naturali at legitimo ot unico Executori nominato in Testamento Mottrom Wright nuper do Stepney in Camitatu Middlesexis defuncti Salutem cum Tdem Mottram Wright Sicut pemittitur deft hous dum vixit et mortis Sus tempe Conajur Sive rect in divertis ____ sive Turisbus Suum dum egit in humanis rite et legitims rondedr__ Testum Suumm in setontinens ut voltem putibus annoeat in sodem sivo sadm. dictum Mottrom Wright minorem ejus filium nominaverit et ferorit Executorem unicumqui quid Exetutor modo in minori sua etate constilutus est Pdeoge Probatio dicto Testamenti Sibi de Jure non sit comittonda

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Tho Todham Reger Deptus

Record July 1701 p ye instance of Mrs Ruth Wright attor:

Jos Tayloe Cur."

This record identifies the family of Mottrom Wright, Sr., as follows and that both children of Mottrom Wright were under the age of 21 when the will was written and, therefore, were born after June 17, 1679:

Wife: Ruth (____) Wright

Children: 1) Frances Wright, a daughter, born after October 8, 1679, and
2) Mottrom Wright, Jr., born after October 8, 1679.

In his email dated August 29, 2006, Duncan Harrington enclosed a copy of his transcription of the will of Mottram Wright admitted to probate on October 10, 1700, in Middlesex County, England, and available from the National Archives Prob 11/457, folio 285:

"TNA: Prob 11/457 folio 285

(The original spelling has been retained, but capitalization has been modernized, contemporary contractions extended and sometimes punctuation and format modified. Items in Latin have been rendered into English and where possible are literal translations.)

In The Name Of God Amen the eighth day of October anno domini one thousand seven hundred and in the twelfth year of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland

King defender of the faith etc. I Mottrom Wright of Milend in the parish of St Dunstons Stepney alias Stebunheath in the county of Middlesex merchant being at this present time sick and weake in body but of sound and perfect minde and memory (praised be God for it) yet considering with my selfe the frailty of all flesh the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and hour thereof And to the end noe differences hereafter may be by and amongst my relations for and concerning any of my estate whatsoever doe therefore make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge (that is to say) First and principally I doe committ and recommend into the hands of Almighty God my maker my soule which is immortall and dyeth not hopeing and stedfastly beleiving to receive full and free pardon and remission of all my sinns by and through the merritts pretious death and passion of my ever blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ And my body I committ to the earth when whence it was taken to be buried with decency And as touching such worldly estate as it shall please God to bless me withall at the time of my decease my debts and funerall charges being first deducted satisfyed and payd I doe give devise and bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances Wright the summe of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England And alsoe seven hundred acres of land and plantacion on the North side of Rappahamack Creeke in Virginia to be taken out of my lands not hurting my mannor plantacion there To hold the said seven hundred acres of land with the appurtenances unto my said daughter Frances Wright and to her heires and assignes for ever Item I give and devise and bequeath unto my sonne Mottram Wright the summe of six hundred pounds of like money And alsoe all my houses messuages lands tenements orchards plantacions and hereditaments with the appurtenances scituate in Virginia or elsewhere (except the seven hundred acres of land above given to my daughter Frances Wright) to hold unto my said sonne Mottrom Wright and to his heires and assignes for ever Item I further give and bequeath unto my said sonne Mottrom Wright the last six negroes I bought Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin John Wright of Puttomack River in Virginia the sum of fifty pounds of lawfull money of England. Item I give and bequeath to each and every other of my children borne of the body of my wife Ruth Wright the summe of twenty shillings apeece and noe more [folio 285v] Item I give and bequeath unto my aforementioned two children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright all the rest residue and remainder of my temporall estate be it of what kinde nature or quality soever or wheresoever that shall of right belong or appertaine unto me after the legacies herein before given and bequeathed are satisfyed and payd to be shared and parted between them my said two children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright part and part alike and in case of the death or decease of either of my said children Mottrom and Frances Wright before the age of twenty one yeares or day of marryage then my will and pleasure is and I give devise and bequeath the legacies of him or her soe dyeing unto the survivor of them and to his and her heires and assignes for ever. And in case of both their decease before marryage or age of twenty and one yeares then my will and pleasure is and I give devise and bequeath the legacies before given to them my said two children Mottrom and Frances unto my cousin John Wright and to his heires and assignes for ever and I request my

loveing friend Captain John Purvis to be overseer of this my will and that hee would see my sonne Mottrom Wright brought up and educated according to the church of England. And I doe hereby make nominate and appoint my said sonne Mottrom Wright to be full and sole executor of this my last will and testament renouncing and revoking all former and other wills guifts and bequests by me heretofore made or given and this onely to be taken as my last will and testament and none other. In testimony hereof I the said Mottrom Wright have unto this my last will and testament contained in two sheets of paper unto each set my hand and seale and published and declared the same to be my last will and testament the day and year first above written 1700 Mottrom Wright signed sealed published and delivered in the presence of I. Sharpe A. M. James Besouth Hannah Bradley Thomas Quilter Notary Publick

Latin:

The tenth day of the month of October in the year of the Lord one thousand seven hundred was issued a commission to John Purvis curator lawfully assigned to Mottrom Wright minor son and executor nominated in the testament of Mottrom Wright late of Stepney in the county of Middlesex deceased having etc., to administer the goods rights and credits of the said deceased according to the tenor and effect of the testament of the deceased himself in the benefit and during the minor estate of the executor aforesaid and to well and faithfully administer the same declaration in the presence of God Almighty according to an Act of Parliament previously by the said John Purvis made”

On July 9, 1701, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 2/435, Ruth Wright gifted to her slave Motley a life estate in a plantation in accordance with her father Robert Griggs' will:

"Know All Men by these p:sents that I Ruth Wright of County of Lancr: in the Pish of Christ Church, Widow, for a Deed of & in consideracon of a Deed of Gift wch: my Father, Robt. Griggs, formerly made by his Last Wil & Testamt. that a Negro woman named Motley shold leave land for her & her children to work on during her natural life and in consideracon of the abovesd. Deed of Gift, I the sd Ruth Wright do give & grant unto the sd Motley land for her life time & that is for to say for her & her Children what they can tend during the life of the sd Motley she haveing the sd land upon the plantacon wch: is commonly known & called by the name of The Head Of The Creek Quarter wth: p:vilidge of Timber for housing fenceing cask & all such like things as shal or may be found needful upon the Plantacon, the sd Motley making no waste upon the sd planacon of timber nor otherways allowing the sd Motley p:vilidge of raising of what stock she can either of Cattle or hoggs or any other Creature wt:soever during the natural life of the sd Motley, she the sd Motley yeilding & paying the fee rent of one ear of Corne p every year yearly for acknowledgmt. to be paid unto the sd Ruth Wright her heirs &c. upon the Feast of St. Michael or after upon demand, to the true p:formance of the above menconed we the abovesd. do bind our selves our heirs in the forfeiture of Five thousand pounds of good & legal tobo: & cask to be paid upon all demands by the p:son whom shal make the first breach of the abovesd.

p:misses unto the other p:son above written. In Witnes whereof we have hereunto set our hands & fixt our seales this 9th day of July 1701

Signed sealed & delivered Ruth Wright
in the p:sence of us
Alexr: Swan
James Haynes
Jno: Harris

Recognit in Cur Com Lancr: 9th die Julii 1701 et recordatr: p Jos: Tayloe, Cl Cur"

On November 10, 1701, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/4, John Purvis of London, as administrator of the estate of Mottram Wright, Sr., during the infancy of Mottram Wright, Jr., appointed Edwin Thacker of Middlesex County, Virginia, as his attorney in fact to act for him in connection with the estate of Mottram Wright, Sr.:

"Know all men by these presents tht I John Purvis of London, Merchant, Administr: of ye Will annex of Mottrom Wright, late of Mile End in the Parrish of St. Dunstans Stepney als. Stevonheath in the County of Middx., Mercht., deced., dureing the infancy of Mottrom Wright, Son of the said Mottrom Wright, deced., have for sundry good causes appointed my Trusty & well beloved Friend, Edwin Thacker in the Co. of Middx. in Virginia Gemnt. to be my true & lawfull Attorney (as Administratr. of the said Mottrom Wright, deced., during the infancy of his said Son, Mottrom Wright) into all those houses orchards plantations and hereditaments with the appurtenances to enter to give and deliver possession thereof and of the sd. premisses unto the sd. John Purvis or the said Mottrom Wright as he shall be required and directed. And I do hereby further grant unto my sd. Attorney (during the infancy of the sd. Morton Wright) full power to implead and condemn all p:sons as are debtors to the said Estate and discharges to deliver and to execute and finish all and everything wch: may be necessary of the said Estate in such manner as I the said John Purvis in my owne p:son might or would do confirmeing and alloweing the same to be done giving my said Attorney power to make more Attorneys under him if he shall think fitt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 10th day of November Anno Dm. 1701 and in the 13 year of the reigne of or: Sovereigne Lord William the Third by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defendr. of the faith, &c.

Sealed & delivered John Purvis
in ye presence of
Tho: Graves,
Samll. Goslin,
Tho: Merrall

Probat: uno decimo die March 1701/02 p sacramt. Tho: Graves & Samll. Goslin.
Jurat in Cur.

Test
Jos: Tayloe, Cl.

I James Puckle Notary and Tabellion Publick dwelling in London by Royall Authority admitted and sworne, do hereby certifie and attest that Mr. Jno: Purvis, Merchant, in the aforegoing Letter of Attorney mentioned, did signe seale and as his act and deed deliver the said Letter of Attorney done in London aforesaid the tenth day of November: Anno Dom. 1701

Jabus Puckle
Notarius Public

Record 23d March 1701/2.

Jos: Tayloe, Cl."

This record indicates that Mottrom Wright, Jr., was under age 21 on November 10, 1701, and therefore, was born after November 10, 1680.

On December 11, 1701, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/38, Robert Gibson filed his bond to secure a property agreement for Ruth Wright, the widow of Mottrom Wright, upon their marriage:

"Know all men by these presents that I Robt: Gibson of Christ Church Parrish in Lancastr: County am held and firmly bound unto Capt. Alexdr. Swan, Capt. Henry Fleet, Mr. Geo: Harwood and Dr. Joseph Belfeild in ye sum of one thousand pounds Sterling money to be paid to ye sd. Capt. Alexdr. Swan, Capt. Henry Fleet, Mr. Geo: Harwood and Dr. Jos: Belfeild or to either of ym. or either of their certain assignes, to ye true p:formance of which I bind my selfe my Execrs. firmly by these presents. Signed with my hand and seale ye eleventh day of Decembr: 1701

The Condition of ye above obligation is such yt: whereas there is a marriage intended betweene ye above bound Robt: Gibson and Mrs. Ruth Wright, Wid. & Relict of Mr. Mottrom Wright, late of Virginia, (deced). If therefore the above bound Robt. Gibson shall give unto ye above mentioned Ruth Wright full power and authority by Will or Deed of Gift to dispose off, bequeath or give away as shall best please ye above mentioned Ruth Wright thirty pounds Sterling mony of England & one fourth pt: of all ye Estate yt: shall bee obtained by her, ye sd. Ruth Wright, by virtue of her marriage wth: ye abovesd. Mottrom Wright, and shall from time to time give and make any other Deed or Deeds grant or conveyance as shall be desired by ye abovesd. Ruth Wright for ye firm secureing and conveying ye above mentioned sum of mony and estate, to wch: use ye abovesd. Ruth Wright shall devise then this abovesd. obligation to be void & of noe effect, otherwise to bee and remaine in full force power & virtue

Signed seal'd & delover'd

Robt. Gibson

in ye pr:sence of
Jno: Cooke
Geo: Wale
Eliza: Cooke p sig.

Recordr. p ord. of ye Court 14 Apr 1703.

Jos: Tayloe, Clk."

This record identifies Ruth (Griggs) Wright's second husband as Robert Gibson and that they were married sometime after December 11, 1701..

Virginia County Court Records, Deed & Will Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1652-1714, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, stated that on December 11, 1701, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 2/455, the same bond was filed by Robert Gibson or Gobson:

"Know All Men by these p:sents that I Robt. Gibson of Lanctr. County in the Psh: of Christ Church Gent. do owe & am justly indebted to Capt. Alexander Swan. Capt. Henry Fleet, Mr. George Harwood & Mr. Jos: Belfield or either of them the just sum of One thousand pounds Sterl. current money of England I bind myselfe this 11th day of Decembr: 1701 dated as abovesd & sealed wth my seale The condicon of this obligacon is that whereas there is a Marriage intended between the above bound Robt. Gibson & Mrs. Ruth Wright, Widow & Relict of Mr. Mottr. Wright late of Virginia deced. If therefore the above bound Robt. Gibson will give unto the above menconed Ruth Wright ful power by Will or Deed of Gift to dispose of bequeath & give away as shal best please the above menconed Ruth Wright Thirty pounds Sterl. current mony of England & one fourth of all the Estate that shal be obtained by her the sd Ruth Wright by virtue of her Marriage wth: the abovesd Mottrum Wright & shal make any other Deeds or conveyances as shal be desired by the abovenamed Ruth Wright for the securing & conveying the above menconed sum of mony & Estate to what use the abovesd. Ruth Wright shal devise That then the abovesd obligacon to be void & oe none effect, otherwise to be in ful force in Law as witnes my hand & seale the day & year above written

Signed sealed & delivered Robert Gobson
in p:sence of
Jose: Belfield
Henry Lawson
James Innis

Record. 18th die Febry: 1701/2 p Jos: Tayloe, Cl Cur"

In his email dated August 29, 2006, Duncan Harrington enclosed a copy of his transcription of the depositions of Thomas Quilter, Isaac Sharpe, and James Besouth

dated December 29, 1701, given in connection with the estate of Mottrom Wright and filed in the National Archives, Prob 32/42, no 110:

“On Monday the nine and twentieth day of the month of December in theyeare of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred and one before the Right Worshipfull Sir John Cooke knight Doctor of Laws surrogate to the right worshipfull Sir Richard Raines knight alsoe Doctor of Lawes Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Courte of Canterbury Thomas Welham Notary Public Deputy Register of the said courte being then present

Which day appeared personally Thomas Quilter of the parish of Stepney in the county of Middlesex scriviner, Isaac Sharpe of the same parish clerk and Master of Arts and James Besouth of the same parish cutler and by vertue of their corporall oaths deposed as followeth, to wit, the said Thomas Quilter deposed that about beginning of the month of October in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred he the deponent was sent for to make the law will and testament of Master Mottram Wright deceased who then lay sick att his lodgeing att Mileend in the parish aforesaid and then tooke instructions for the same from him the said Mottram Wright and according to such instructions he the deponent then made and wrote his the said Mottram Wrights will contained in two sheetes of paper now remaining in the registry of the Prerogative Courte of Canterbury bearing date the eighth day of October aforesaid wherein Mottram Wright son of the said testator is named sole executor and John Purvis is appointed overseer, and the said Mottram Wright then approved of his said will and signed sealed and published the same as and for his last will and testament in the presence of him the deponent and the said Isaac Sharpe and James Besouth and alsoe of Hannah Bradley who did then all in the said testators presence subscribe their names as witness thereto, and att all and singuler the premises the said testator was of sounde and [perfect minde memory and] understanding [*rest of this line lost*]

James Besouth deposed that the said Mottram Wright did att his said lodgeing the time aforesaid approve of signe seale and publish his said will bearing date the said eighth day of October one thousand seaven hundred in the presence of them the deponents and the said Thomas Quilter and Hannah Bradley who did then all in his the said testators presence subscribe their names as witnesses thereto, and he the said testator was then of sounde and perfect minde memory and understanding And they all deposed that they this day saw the said originall will within the aforesaid registry and by their names thereto subscribed as witnesses knowes it to be the same by them predeposed of

[Latin]

The day aforesaid the said Thomas Quilter Isaac Sharpe and James Besouth were sworn upon the truth through publication before me S. Cooke, surrogate in the presence of me Thomas Welham Deputy Registrar, witness Edw. Tomlin, Edwd. Wiseman (signatures) Thomas Quilter, I. Sharpe, James Besouth”

On April 5, 1706, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/148, Robert Gibson and Joseph Belfield entered into an agreement for the administration of the estate of Mottram Wright, Sr.:

"Articles of Agreemt. had made indented & agreed upon the 10th day of Apr: in ye 5th yeare of the reigne of or: Sovereigne Lady Anne &c., and in ye yeare of or: Lord God 1706; Between Robert Gibson of the Pish: of Christ Church in ye County of Lancastr:, one of the Admrs. of the Estate of Mottr: Wright (deced) of the one part and Joseph Belfield of the Pish: of Sittenbourn in County of Richmd, Chyr., one other of the Admrs. of ye Estate aforesd. of ye other part; Wittnessest that whereas for the avoiding of all doubts variances & strifes that might grow betweene ye aforesd. parties touching their administratorship of the sd. Estate, and the true execution of the same and concerning the residue or plussage of the goods, chattles & other things belonging to ye sd. Estate after ye debts & Legacies discharged, each of the sd. parties have faithfully promised and doe severally covenant & grant to & with each other and with the heires administrators of each other by these presents in manner and forme following (that is to say), That each of the sd. parties covenanteth & granteth severally for himselfe his heires with ye other of them or either of them shall not att any time willingly or wittingly conceale withdraw or keep close from ye heires or Admrs. of them or either of them any such goods chattles debts credits or other things as hath come or shall happen to come to him or their or any other hands of knowledge that were of did or ought to belong to ye sd. Estate of the sd Mottr: Wright (deced), to ye intent the same or any part thereof should not be recovered used or ordered by the same Admr. to their & either of their propr: benifitt & advance and that each of the sd. p:ties shall possess the goods chattles Negroes or other things they now have in possession in peace wthout disturbance of the other his heires or any of them or any other p:sons from or undr: him them or either of them and it is further greed betweene the sd. parties that whereas there is money due to ye sd. Estate from Coll. Joseph Ball, it is therefore agreed and concluded that ye sd Robert Gibson shall have & receive the sd. money lett it be more or less provided that ye sd. Robert Gibson pay unto the sd. Coll. Joseph Ball the sume of twelve pounds Sterl. for the Board of the sd. Joseph Belfield his Wife and it is allsoe agreed upon betweene the sd. parties that ye sd. Joseph Belfield shall receive & have the sume of Twenty five pounds Sterl. due at Lady Day last past from Mr. John Loyd for Rent and that ever hereafter the sd. Joseph Belfield doe receive but ye one third part and the sd. Gibson to receive two thirds ye other moyetie yearly as the same shall become due from ye sd. Loyd, And it is covenanted & fully agreed by & betweene ye sd. parties and the sd. parties doe severally covenant and grant to & with either of them by these presents that if att any time or times hereafter it should be found & approved that ye sd. Estate ought to be charged either by Law or Conscience wth: any other debts or sums of mony or other duties or other things whatsoever, then att this present is well known & doth appeare to ye sd. Admrs. or either of them or their heires, Admrs. or survivors of them shall att any time hereafter happen to be charged wth: any manner of other charges whatsoever by reason of the sd. Estate or by reason of the due execution of the

Administratorship either in Law or otherwise that then each & either of the sd. Admrs. or survivors of them or either of them and Admrs. of such of them as then shall be dead and that their equall & indifferent costs according to oye part of the Estate they severally have in possession bear support pay & allow the same charges of them, any thing herein contained to ye contrary in any wise notwithstanding; In Wittness whereof wee the parties above exprest have interchangeably sett or: hands & fixt or: seales the day & yeare above written

Signed seled & delivered
in presence of
John Turberville,
John Robertson

Robert Gibson
Joseph Belfeild

Recorded 2d 8br: 1706

p. Jos: Tayloe, Clk.

Know all men by these p:sents that I Robert Gibson of ye Pish: of Xt. Church in ye County of Lancastr: am firmly bound unto Joseph Belfeild of ye Pish: of Sittenburn in ye County of Richmond, Chyr., the sume of one thousand pounds good & lawfull money of England, dated this tenth day of Apr: 1706.

The Condicon of this obligacon is such that if the above bounden Robert Gibson doe at all times hereafter truely observe the covenants & payments wch: on his or their behalfe ought to be observed in certaine articles of agreement bearing even date wth: these pr:sents between the above bounden Robert Gibson one of the Admrs. of the Estate of Mottr: Wright (dec'd), of the one part and the above named Joseph Belfeild one other of the Admrs. of the sd. Estate of the other part and wth:out fraud or coven according to ye intent of the sd. agreemt., That then this obligacon to be void or else to remaine in full force

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

John Turberville
John Robertson

Robert Gibson

Recorded ye 2d. 8br: 1706

p. Jos: Tayloe, Clk.

Know All Men by these pr:sents that I Joseph Belfeild of County of Richmond, Chyr., am firmly bound unto Robert Gibson of County of Lancastr: in ye sume of One thousand pounds of lawfull money of England. Sealed wth: my seale dated this tenth day of Aprill 1706

The Condicion of this obligacon is such that if ye sd. Joseph Belfeild at all times hereafter keeps all covenants which on his part out to be kept in a certaine

agreement made between Joseph Belfield one of the Admrs. of ye Estate of Mottrom Wright (deced), of ye one part and the above named Robert Gibson one other of the Admrs. of ye sd. Estate of the other part in all things according to ye true meaning of the sd. agreemt., That then this obligacon to be void or else to remaine in full force

Signed seled & delivered Joseph Belfield
in presence of
John Turberville
John Robertson

Recorded ye 2d. 8br: 1706

p Jos: Tayloe, Clk."

On February 4, 1712, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 6/103, John Wright sold to Joseph Belfield his remainder interest in the land of Mottrom Wright, Sr., which had been given to Mottrom Wright's children in his will with a remainder to John Wright if Mottrom's children died without issue:

"This Indenture made the Fourth day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland defender of the faith &c Annoq. Domini 1712 Betweene John Wright of the parish of Copely in the County of Westmoreland gentleman of the one part, and Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Chirurgion of the other part Whereas Mottrem Wright late of the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Virginia gent deced did in and by his last Will and Testament in writing dated the Eighth day of October 1700 (amongst divers other legacies and bequests) give and devise unto his daughter Frances Wright (late wife of the Said Joseph Belfield since deced) Seven hundred acres of his land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek, in the aforesaid County of Richmond to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns For ever and all the Rest of his lands and plantations in Virginia he did give and devise to his Son Mottrem Wright his heirs and assigns for Ever, Willing that in Case either of his said Children Mottrem or Frances Wright should Dye before the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the legacies of him or her so dying should go to the Survivour and to his or her heirs and assigns For Ever, and in Case of both their deceases before Marriage or the aforesaid age of one and twenty yeares, then he gave and devised the legacies given to his Said two Children as aforesaid unto his Cozen the above named John Wright and to his heirs and assigns for Ever (as in and by the Said Will relation thereto being had doth and may more fully and att large appeare) And Whereas the said Frances Daughter of the Testator intermarried with the said Joseph Belfield, and is since deced leaving Issue by him the said Joseph Belfield, One son named Thomas Wright Belfield, and the said Mottrem Wright the Testators Son is also lately deced unmarried, and under the age of one and

twenty yeares so that the Reversion and Remainder in fee of and in the aforesaid lands by Virtue of the aforesaid Will lyes and is Vested in him the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield should dye before age and without Issue. No this Indenture Witnesseth That the said John Wright for and in Consideration of the Summe of Fifty pounds Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Belfield att and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof the said John Wright doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of Every part thereof doth acquitt exonerate & discharge the sd Joseph Belfield his heirs Execrs: and Admrs: For Ever by these presents hath Given granted Bargained Sold Released and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully Clearly and absolutely Give Grant bargain Sell Release and Confirm unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns for Ever. All That Tract of Land Scituate Lying and being on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek in the aforesaid parrish of Sittenbourne containing by Estimacon fifteen hundred acres be the same more or less formerly belonging to the aforesd. Mottrem Wright the Testator, being bought by him of Henry Fleet of the aforst: County of Lancaster gent, and of Edwin Conway late of ye Same County Gent: Since deced and now in the possession of the said Joseph Belfield, and all houses, outhouses, gardens orchards, woods underwoods wayes priviledges commodities & appurtenances whatsoever to the said Land belonging or in any wise appertaining (the Reversion or Remainder in fee of which said Land and premisses Lyes and is Vested in the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield son of sd: Joseph Belfield should happen to dye as aforesaid before age and without Issue by Virtue of ye aforesaid Last Will and Testament of the said Mottrem Wright) and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remaindrs. of all and Singular the before granted land and premisses, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest property, Benefitt, clayme and demand whatsoever of him the said John Wright of in and to the Same or any part Thereof To have to hold the said Tract of Land and all and Singular other ye prmisses hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns for Ever. And the said John Wright for him selfe his heires Execrs: & admrs: doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns by these presents in manner and forme following (that is to Say) that he ye said John Wright att the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents is lawfully seized of and in all and singular ye premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted of a good pure absolute and indefearable estate of Inheritance in fee Simple in Reversion Expectant, upon the decease of the said Thomas Wright Belfield under age and without Issue as aforesaid. And that he the said John Wright now hath good Right and full power to Bargaine Sell & Convey the premisses and every part thereof unto ye Said Joseph Belfield and his heirs in manner and Forme aforesd And that he the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns Shall or lawfully may from time to time and att all times for Ever hereafter freely quietly and peaceably have hold occupy possess & enjoy all and Singular the said land and premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted without any clayme lett trouble or Interruption of him the said John

Wright, his heirs or assigns, or any other person or persons whatsoever, lawfully clayming or to clayme by from or under him them or any of them And the said John Wright for himself his heirs Execrs: and admrs: doth hereby further covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, that he the said John Wright his heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever which now have or hereafter Shall or lawfully may have or clayme any Estate, Right Title or Interest of in or to the premisses or any part thereof by from or under him them or any of them shall & will from time to time and att all times hereafter att and upon the Reasonable Request and propper Costs & charges in the law of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, do make acknowledge and Execute all and every such farther and other lawfull and reasonable act and acts thing & things deeds Conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the farther better more perfect and absolute Conveying assuring and Suremaking of all and Singular the premisses hereby before granted unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns as by ye sd Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns or his or their Councell learned in the law shall be Reasonably devised advised or required And Lastly the said John Wright doth hereby covenant to and with ye said Joseph Belfield that he ye said John Wright shall and will att the next Court to be held for the County of Richmond or att Such other time as he Shall be thereto Required by the said Joseph Belfield, acknowledge this deed unto him the said Joseph Belfield, in order to it's being entered upon the Records of ye Said Court In Witnesse Whereof the parties abovenamed to these present Indentures have Interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered) John Wright
in the presence of)
Thos Dickenson
Jno Davis
Samll: Godwin

Att a Court held for Richmond County ye fourth day of February 1712

John Wright came into Court and acknowledged this his deed unto Joseph Belfield and it was att the said Belfields motion admitted to Record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur"

The will of Ruth Gibson was dated on February 7, 1709/10, probated on May 11, 1739, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 13/132, and provided as follows:

"I Ruth Gibson being sick and Weak in Body and perfect Memory do make this My Last Will. First I Give my Soul to God that Gave it to me - my body to be Interr'd With a decent Burial My Temporal Estate as fol.

Imp. 2nd My Will is that I give A Right of Dower Made before Marriage to be

equally divided between my three loving Children Robert Griggs Gibson Winifred Gibson & Elizabeth Gibson that is to say thirty pounds Sterling and the fourth part of the Estate as is Mention'd upon Records; Item. I give unto My Loving Son Robert Griggs Gibson and to his heirs for ever my Riding Mare & her Encrease Item. I Give unto my loving Daughter Winnefred Gibson A Young horse A Colt of the same Mare Item I Give unto My Daughter Elizabeth Gibson A Young horse a Colt of the said Mare Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Son Robert all my lands given me by my Father, Lying up the Bay to him & his heirs for Ever, and also my Land that lyeth in Essex County commonly known by the Name of Burtons Range to him & his heirs for ever. Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Winnefred six hundred acres of land at the head of the Creek with the plantation Called Simons Quarter to her & the heirs of her Body Lawfully begotten for ever. Item I Give and Bequeath unto My Daughter Elizabeth and to the heirs of her body lawfully Begotten three hundred Acres of Land Commonly known by the Name of Stephens neck with the plantation where John Cook now Lives on and the plantation where George Phips lived. Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Robert the plantation Where I now Live and all the rest of my land Scituated & being in Lancaster County not prejudicing the Aforesaid Land given to my Daughters Winnefred & Elizabeth. Item. my Will is that my Loving husband Robert Gibson & my son Robt. Griggs Gibson be Exes. of this my Last Will & testament. Item, my will is that if my Son Robert Die without Issue that then his part both of the real & personal Estate Mentiond in this will be Equally divided between my Daughters . . . heirs of their Body lawfully Begotten, Item. My will is that if one or Either of my Daughters Winnefred or Elizabeth die under age or without Issue of their Body Lawfully Begotten, I Give and Bequeath then the Land Aforesaid given to my Daughters to my son Robert and his heirs for Ever. Item. my will is that all other Wills & Testaments be void and this only to Stand. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 7th day of Feby. Anno Domini 1709/10

Ruth Gibson

Sign'd & Seal'd in the presence of us

Rowland Lawson

Henry ~ Lawson
 mark

Edward J(?) Newgent

Att a Court held for Lancaster County on the 11th day of May 1739.

This Will was proved by the Oath of Henry Lawson, one of the Witnesses thereto and on the prayer of Ezekiel Gilbert Admitted to record, & is Recorded.

Test. G Edwards Cl Crt"

This will was apparently probated almost 30 years after it was written and when copied into the court record, the clerk apparently listed the original date as often shown for the

Julian calendar, even though the Gregorian calendar was not adopted by Great Britain until 1752.

Abstracts Lancaster County, Virginia, Wills 1653-1800, by Ida J. Lee, listed the following for the will of Ruth Gibson:

"Gibson, Ruth. 7 Feb. 1709. Rec. 11 May 1739.

Legatees: Son, Robert Griggs Gibson, land given me by my father lying up Bay, also land in Essex; daug., Winifred and Elizabeth Gibson; husband, Robert Gibson. Extrs.: Husband, Henry Lawson and Edward Newgent. W.B. 13, p. 132."

The National Register Nomination for Pop Castle in Lancaster County, Virginia, stated that Ruth (Griggs) (Mottram) (Wright) Gibson inherited the property known as Pop Castle from her father Robert Griggs, at which was located Wright's Ferry, and the property was located about 1/2 mile west of Norris Bridge on the Rappahannock River in Lancaster County. The Nomination further stated that the will of Ruth (Griggs) (Mottram) (Wright) Gibson was probated on May 11, 1739, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 13/132, and bequeathed the property to her daughter.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Mottram Wright and Ruth (Griggs) (Mottrom) (Wright) Gibson were the following:

- 1) Frances (Wright) Belfield, born, and
- 2) Mottram Wright, Jr., born on January 20, 1689/90.
 1. Frances (Wright) Belfield, Her Husband Joseph Belfield, And Her Descendants

Frances (Wright) Belfield was a daughter of 1700 Mottram Wright of Middlesex County, England, and Ruth (Griggs) (Mottrom) (Wright) Gibson. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³)

The will of Frances Moore dated June 17, 1700, and probated on March 10, 1701/2, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/108, made a gift of her wearing apparel to Frances Wright, the daughter of Mottrom Wright, Sr.:

"In the Name of God Amen, I Frances Moore doe make and ordaine this my last Will in manner following;

....

Item. I give unto Frances Wright, Daughter of Mr. Mottrom Wright Senr., all my

wareing clothes apparell in generall;

. . . .
Dated ye seaventh day of June 1700.

. . . ."

The will of Mottrom Wright, Sr., dated on October 8, 1700, and probated on October 10, 1700, at Middlesex County, England, and in July 1701 at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/103, identified Frances Wright as one of his children:

"In the Name of God Amen the eighth day of Octbr Anno Domini 1700 I Mottrom Wright of Milsend in the Parish of St Dunstons Stepney __ Stebonheath in the County of Midlesex Mercht doe therefore make publish and Declare this my last will and Testamt in manner and form following That is to Say Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Wright the Sum of one hundred pounds of Lawfull money of England and also Seven hundred Acers of my land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahk Creek in Virginia to be taken out of my Land not hurting my manner Plantation There to hold the Sd Seven hundred Acres of Land with the appurtenances unto my Sd Daughter Frances Wright and to her heires and assignes for ever Item I give Devise and bequeath unto my Sonn Mottrom Wright the Sum of Six hundred pounds of like money and alsoe all my houses Mesuages Lands tenements orchards plantations and hereditements with the Appurtenances Scituate in Virginia or else where except the Seven hundred Acres of Land above given to my Daughter Frances Wright To hold unto my Sd Son Mottrom Wright and to his heires and assignes for ever Item I further Give and Bequeath unto my Sd Son Mottram Wright the last Six Negroes I bought Itam I give and bequeath to each and every other of my Children born of the body of my wife Ruth Wright the Sum of Twenty Shill a peace and noe more Itam I give and bequeath onto my aforenamed Two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright all the rest Residue and Remainder of my Temporall estate be it of wt kind nature or quality Soever or whereso: that Shall of Right belong or appertaine unto me after the Legacies herein before given and bequeathed are Satisfied and paid to be Shared and parted between them my Sd two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright part and part a like and in case of the Death or Decease of either of my Sd. Children Mottrom or Frances Wright before the age of Twenty one years or day of Marriage then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies of him or her Soe dieing unto the Survivor of them and to his and her heirs and assignes forever and in Case of both their Decease before Marriage or age of Twenty one years then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies before given to them my Two Children Mottrom and Frances unto my Cousin John Wright and to his heires and Assignes for ever and I Requestt my Loving friend Capt John Purvis to be overseer of this my will and that he would see my Son Mottrom Wright brought up and educated according to the Church of England and I doe hereby make Nominate and appoint my Sd Son Mottrom Wright to be full and Sole Execr of this my last will and Testamt"

Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1694-1742, compiled by Gertrude E. Gray, listed the grant to Joseph Belfield on February 23, 1704, of 555 acres of land on Deep Run of the Rappahannock River:

"3-87: Joseph Belfield of Richmond Co. 555 A. on Deep Run of Rappahannock R., adj. Col. Robert Carter Esq. Wrnt. 25 Oct. Last. Surv. by Edwin Conway. 23 Feb. 1704."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, listed the marriage of Frances Wright and Joseph Belfield in about 1704 in Richmond County, Virginia:

"Belfield, Joseph [Doctor] (16??-1738) married (1) c.1704, Frances Wright (1686-c. 1706), daughter of Mottrom Wright, Gentleman, (16??-1701) and his wife nee Ruth Griggs, of Lancaster County; married (2) per marriage contract dated 27 May 1707, Mary (Lane) Mountjoy Wilson, daughter of William Lane of Rappahannock County and widow successively of Alvin Mountjoy, Gentleman, who died testate in 1700 and of Elias Wilson, who died testate in 1707; married (3) Elizabeth Dozier, who was many years his junior, daughter of Richard Dozier who died testate in Westmoreland County in 1751. Elizabeth (Dozier) Belfield, widow, married (2) James Wilson who died testate in Richmond County in 1743, and she married (3) Jehu Glass and left issue by each of her said three husbands. COB#8, p.125, 198; COB#7, p.208; DB#4, p.108a; DB#7, p.83-85; WB#2, p.18, 106; Eubank, p.72-73; L. H. Jones, Captain Roger Jones of London and Virginia (1911), p.63, 182-184; 12T141-145; Lee, p.101, 236."

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the birth of Frances Wright on January 7, 1685/86, the marriage of Frances Wright and Joseph Belfield in about 1704, the death of Frances (Wright) Belfield before May 27, 1707, and the second marriage of Joseph Belfield to Mary (Lane) (Mountjoy) Wilson between May 27, 1707, and March 2, 1708/09, and the third marriage of Joseph Belfield to Elizabeth Dozier before May 5, 1739:

"Belfield, Dr. Joseph & Wright, Frances; c. 1704; bride was born 7 Jan 1685/86, a dau. of Mottrom Wright late of LC & his wife nee Ruth Griggs; by 4 Feb 1712 she had d. leaving a son Thos. Wright Belfield; Dr. Jos. Belfield mar. (2) Mary (Lane) Mountjoy Wilson, 1707 and (3) Eliz. Dozier; (RC DB 6:103; OB 4:90; MRC:15; Belfield:141; Mottrom:55; Wright 1:128-129)

Belfield, Dr. Joseph & Wilson, Mary (wid.); bet. 27 May 1707 - 2 Mar 1708/09; prenupt. agreement dtd. 27 May 1707 bet. Jos. Belfield of SP & Mary Wilson wid. of (1) Alvin Mountjoy and (2) Elias Wilson (d. RC 1706/07); bride was the 2nd wife of Belfield & a dau. of Wm. Lane; she had a son, Thos. Mountjoy, by her first husband, who d.s.p.; (RC DB 4:108a; DB 5:7, 41; DB 7:83; OB 6:151, 182,

389; WI 1699-1709:f105r; Belfield:141; VCD (B194):556)

Belfield, Dr. Joseph & Dozier, Elizabeth; bef. 5 May 1739; bride was a dau. of Rich. Dozier (d. WC 1751); she was Jos. Belfield's 3rd wife; she may have mar. (2) James Wilson and (3) Jehu Glass; (RC DB 11:131; MRC:15; Belfield:141)"

On April 5, 1706, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/148 Robert Gibson, then husband of Mottrom Wright's widow Ruth, and Joseph Belfield, then husband of Mottrom Wright's daughter Frances, entered into an agreement for the administration of the estate of Mottram Wright, Sr.:

"Articles of Agreemt. had made indented & agreed upon the 10th day of Apr: in ye 5th yeare of the reigne of or: Sovereigne Lady Anne &c., and in ye yeare of or: Lord God 1706; Between Robert Gibson of the Pish: of Christ Church in ye County of Lancastr:, one of the Admrs. of the Estate of Mottr: Wright (deced) of the one part and Joseph Belfield of the Pish: of Sittenbourn in County of Richmd, Chyr., one other of the Admrs. of ye Estate aforesd. of ye other part; Wittnesseth that whereas for the avoiding of all doubts variances & strifes that might grow betweene ye aforesd. parties touching their administratorship of the sd. Estate, and the true execution of the same and concerning the residue or plussage of the goods, chattles & other things belonging to ye sd. Estate after ye debts & Legacies discharged, each of the sd. parties have faithfully promised and doe severally covenant & grant to & with each other and with the heires administrators of each other by these presents in manner and forme following (that is to say), That each of the sd. parties covenanteth & granteth severally for himselfe his heires with ye other of them or either of them shall not att any time willingly or wittingly conceale withdraw or keep close from ye heires or Admrs. of them or either of them any such goods chattles debts credits or other things as hath come or shall happen to come to him or their or any other hands of knowledge that were of did or ought to belong to ye sd. Estate of the sd Mottr: Wright (deced), to ye intent the same or any part thereof should not be recovered used or ordered by the same Admr. to their & either of their propr: benifitt & advance and that each of the sd. p:ties shall possess the goods chattles Negroes or other things they now have in possession in peace wth:out disturbance of the other his heires or any of them or any other p:sons from or undr: him them or either of them and it is further greed betweene the sd. parties that whereas there is money due to ye sd. Estate from Coll. Joseph Ball, it is therefore agreed and concluded that ye sd Robert Gibson shall have & receive the sd. money lett it be more or less provided that ye sd. Robert Gibson pay unto the sd. Coll. Joseph Ball the sume of twelve pounds Sterl. for the Board of the sd. Joseph Belfield his Wife and it is allsoe agreed upon betweene the sd. parties that ye sd. Joseph Belfield shall receive & have the sume of Twenty five pounds Sterl. due at Lady Day last past from Mr. John Loyd for Rent and that ever hereafter the sd. Joseph Belfield doe receive but ye one third part and the sd. Gibson to receive two thirds ye other moyetie yearly as the same shall become due from ye sd. Loyd, And it is covenanted & fully agreed by &

betweene ye sd. parties and the sd. parties doe severally covenant and grant to & with either of them by these presents that if att any time or times hereafter it should be found & approved that ye sd. Estate ought to be charged either by Law or Conscience wth: any other debts or sums of mony or other duties or other things whatsoever, then att this present is well known & doth appeare to ye sd. Admrs. or either of them or their heires, Admrs. or survivors of them shall att any time hereafter happen to be charged wth: any manner of other charges whatsoever by reason of the sd. Estate or by reason of the due execution of the Administratorship either in Law or otherwise that then each & either of the sd. Admrs. or survivors of them or either of them and Admrs. of such of them as then shall be dead and that their equall & indifferent costs according to oye part of the Estate they severally have in possession bear support pay & allow the same charges of them, any thing herein contained to ye contrary in any wise notwithstanding; In Wittness whereof wee the parties above exprest have interchangeably sett or: hands & fixt or: seales the day & yeare above written

Signed seled & delivered
in presence of
John Turberville,
John Robertson

Robert Gibson
Joseph Belfeild

Recorded 2d 8br: 1706

p. Jos: Tayloe, Clk.

Know all men by these p:sents that I Robert Gibson of ye Pish: of Xt. Church in ye County of Lancast: am firmly bound unto Joseph Belfeild of ye Pish: of Sittenburn in ye County of Richmond, Chyr., the sume of one thousand pounds good & lawfull money of England, dated this tenth day of Apr: 1706.

The Condicon of this obligacon is such that if the above bounden Robert Gibson doe at all times hereafter truely observe the covenants & payments wch: on his or their behalfe ought to be observed in certaine articles of agreement bearing even date wth: these pr:sents between the above bounden Robert Gibson one of the Admrs. of the Estate of Mottr: Wright (dec'd), of the one part and the above named Joseph Belfeild one other of the Admrs. of the sd. Estate of the other part and wth:out fraud or coven according to ye intent of the sd. agreemt., That then this obligacon to be void or else to remaine in full force

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

John Turberville
John Robertson

Robert Gibson

Recorded ye 2d. 8br: 1706

p. Jos: Tayloe, Clk.

Know All Men by these pr:sents that I Joseph Belfield of County of Richmond, Chry., am firmly bound unto Robert Gibson of County of Lancastr: in ye sume of One thousand pounds of lawfull money of England. Sealed wth: my seale dated this tenth day of Aprill 1706

The Condicion of this obligacon is such that if ye sd. Joseph Belfield at all times hereafter keeps all covenants which on his part out to be kept in a certaine agreement made betweene Joseph Belfield one of the Admrs. of ye Estate of Mottrom Wright (dec'd), of ye one part and the above named Robert Gibson one other of the Admrs. of ye sd. Estate of the other part in all things according to ye true meaning of the sd. agreemt., That then this obligacon to be void or else to remaine in full force

Signed seled & delivered in Joseph Belfield
presence of
John Turbervile
John Robertson

Recorded ye 2d. 8br: 1706

p Jos: Tayloe, Clk."

On May 27, 1707, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 4/108a, Joseph Belfield and Mary Wilson entered into a premarital agreement:

"Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Churgeon Mary Wilson of the Same parish and County Widdow, and John Wilson also of the same parish and County planter have made ordained Constituted and appoynted, and by these presents do make ordain Constitute and in our Stead and place appoynt James Wilson of the parish and County aforesd planter our true and Lawfull attorney for us and in our Steads and on our behalves to acknowledge att the next Court to be held for the Said County of Richmond a Certaine Deed or Inde. Tripartite bearing Equall date with these presents, and made beholden the Said Joseph Belfield of the first part the said Mary Wilson of the Second part, and the Said John Wilson of the third part; as Witness our hands this 27th day of May Anno Dom 1707

Jos Belfield
Sixed
Mary M Wilson
John Wilson

Teste
Samll: Godwin
Arthur Hughes h Sixed

Proved by the oathes of Arthur Hughes and Samll Godwin in Richmond County

Court the 2d day of July 1707

Recorded

Test

F Sherlock Cl. Cur.

This Indenture Tripartite made the Seven and twentieth day of May in the Sixth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereign lady Anne by the Grace of God Queene of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c Annoy Dome: 1707 Betweene Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Churgeon of the first part, Mary Wilson of the Same Parish and County Widdow, of the Second part, and John Wilson also of the Same parish and County planter of the third part Whereas a marryage is Concluded and agreed upon, and shortly Intended (by gods permission) to be had and Solemnized by and betweene the aforesd Joseph Belfield and Mary Wilson, and whereas (previous to the said marryage and for prevention of all future Controversies and disputes which afterwards might happen or arise) the Said Joseph Belfield and Mary Wilson have mutually Concluded, and agreed that all Such Estate both Real and personall as is now peculiarly and properly belonging or appertaining unto either of them Shall (from and after such Intermarryage and Notwithstanding the Coverture) be kept Separate and apart, So that no part Share or proportion thereof Shall be claymed or demanded by, or be att the dysposale of the other of them, but that the Same Shall be att the Separate and free gift and disposition of the party to whom the Same now properly Belongs, Now this Indenture wittnesseth and the Said Joseph Belfield for himselfe his heires Exors: & Admrs: that In case the Said Intended marryage Shall take Effect the Said Mary Wilson his Intended wife Shall have full and free liberty and Lycence att any time to make over give or dispose of by any deed Instrument or writing or by her last will and Testament in Writing duely Executed as the Law directs any part Share or proportion of her Estate Either Reall or personall to such person or persons and to and for such uses Intents and purposes as She Shall think fit or direct, and that without any molestation disturbance or hindrance of him the Said Joseph Belfield. And the Said Joseph Belfield doth hereby further covenant that if he Shall be thereto required or desired either by his Said Intended wife or the said John Wilson, his Exors: or admrs. he will Joyne in any Such deed or Instrumt. as aforesd or do any other Act Matter or thing, that shall be reasonably desired or required of him for the Coroborating and strengthening thereof. And the said Mary Wilson for her Selfe her heires Execrs: and Admrs. doth Akswess(?) Covenant Promise and agree to and with the Said John Wilson his Execor: and Adminr: by these presents, that In Case the Said Intended marryage Shall take Effect and She Shall happen to Survive the said Joseph Belfield She Shall not nor will have clayme require demand or Insist upon any Dower thirds or other part Share or proportion of into or forth of any of the lands tenenments or hereditaments goods or Chattels or other Real or personal Estate whatsoever whereof or wherein the Said Joseph Belfield or any Interest for him now is or att the time of his decease Shall be ___ed or possessed of or any wayes Interested in or intituled unto either in law or Equity but Shee her heires Exors: & admrs: in Such case is are and Shall be utterly cutt off Excluded and

debarred from the same by Virtue of these presents, And the said Mary doth hereby further Covenant , that She her Exors: and Admrs: Shall and will at any time upon the Request and att the Claime(?) charges of the heires Exrs: or admrs: of the Said Joseph Belfield, freely and Effectually by any Deed Instrument or writing Release and acquitt to them all parts Shares thirds Claymes and demands of into or forth of the Real or personal Estate of the said Joseph Belfield (Excepting only what he shall voluntarily and freely give and devise unto her by his Last Will and Testament In Writing In Witness whereof the Said Joseph Belfield and Mary Wilson as also the Said John Wilson (to Signify her Consent to and acceptance of the trust hereby in him Reposed) hath hereunto severally & Respectively sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare above written

Jos: Belfield
Singed
Mary M Wilson
John Willson

Sealed and Delivered in
the presence of
Samll: Godwin
John Hunter

Acknowledged in Richmond County Court the 2nd day of July ano: dom 1707 by James Wilson atto of the above named Jos: Belfield Mary Wilson & John Wilson & Recorded amongst the Records of the Said County

Test
J Sherlock Cl Cur"

This record indicates that Frances (Wright) Belfield had died before May 27, 1707.

On February 4, 1712, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 6/103, Joseph Belfield purchased from John Wright the remainder interest in land given by Mottrom Wright, Sr., in his will to his children with a remainder interest to John Wright if those children died without issue:

"This Indenture made the Fourth day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland defender of the faith &c Annoq. Domini 1712 Betweene John Wright of the parish of Copely in the County of Westmoreland gentleman of the one part, and Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Chirurgeon of the other part Whereas Mottrem Wright late of the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Virginia gent deced did in and by his last Will and Testament in writing dated the Eighth day of October 1700 (amongst divers other legacies and bequests) give and devise unto his daughter Frances Wright (late wife of the Said Joseph Belfield since deced) Seven

hundred acres of his land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek, in the aforesaid County of Richmond to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns For ever and all the Rest of his lands and plantations in Virginia he did give and devise to his Son Mottrem Wright his heirs and assigns for Ever, Willing that in Case either of his said Children Mottrem or Frances Wright should Dye before the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the legacyes of him or her so dying should go to the Survivour and to his or her heirs and assigns For Ever, and in Case of both their deceases before Marriage or the aforesaid age of one and twenty yeares, then he gave and devised the legacyes given to his Said two Children as aforesaid unto his Cozen the above named John Wright and to his heirs and assigns for Ever (as in and by the Said Will relation thereto being had doth and may more fully and att large appeare) And Whereas the said Frances Daughter of the Testator intermarried with the said Joseph Belfield, and is since deced leaving Issue by him the said Joseph Belfield, One son named Thomas Wright Belfield, and the said Mottrem Wright the Testators Son is also lately deced unmarried, and under the age of one and twenty yeares so that the Reversion and Remainder in fee of and in the aforesaid lands by Virtue of the aforesaid Will lyes and is Vested in him the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield should dye before age and without Issue. No this Indenture Witnesseth That the said John Wright for and in Consideration of the Summe of Fifty pounds Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Belfield att and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof the said John Wright doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of Every part thereof doth acquitt exonerate & discharge the sd Joseph Belfield his heirs Execrs: and Admrs: For Ever by these presents hath Given granted Bargained Sold Released and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully Clearly and absolutely Give Grant bargain Sell Release and Confirm unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns for Ever. All That Tract of Land Scituate Lying and being on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek in the aforesaid parrish of Sittenbourne containing by Estimacon fifteen hundred acres be the same more or less formerly belonging to the aforesd. Mottrem Wright the Testator, being bought by him of Henry Fleet of the aforesd: County of Lancaster gent, and of Edwin Conway late of ye Same County Gent: Since deced and now in the possession of the said Joseph Belfield, and all houses, outhouses, gardens orchards, woods underwoods wayes priviledges commodities & appurtenances whatsoever to the said Land belonging or in any wise appertaining (the Reversion or Remainder in fee of which said Land and premisses Lyes and is Vested in the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield son of sd: Joseph Belfield should happen to dye as aforesaid before age and without Issue by Virtue of ye aforesaid Last Will and Testament of the said Mottrem Wright) and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remaindrs. of all and Singular the before granted land and premisses, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest property, Benefitt, clayme and demand whatsoever of him the said John Wright of in and to the Same or any part Thereof To have to hold the said Tract of Land and all and Singular other ye prmisses hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, to and for the

only proper use and behoof of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns for Ever. And the said John Wright for him selfe his heires Executors: & admrs: doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns by these presents in manner and forme following (that is to Say) that he ye said John Wright att the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents is lawfully seized of and in all and singular ye premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted of a good pure absolute and indefearable estate of Inheritance in fee Simple in Reversion Expectant, upon the decease of the said Thomas Wright Belfield under age and without Issue as aforesaid. And that he the said John Wright now hath good Right and full power to Bargaine Sell & Convey the premisses and every part thereof unto ye Said Joseph Belfield and his heirs in manner and Forme aforesd And that he the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns Shall or lawfully may from time to time and att all times for Ever hereafter freely quietly and peaceably have hold occupy possess & enjoy all and Singular the said land and premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted without any clayme lett trouble or Interruption of him the said John Wright, his heirs or assigns, or any other person or persons whatsoever, lawfully clayming or to clayme by from or under him them or any of them And the said John Wright for himself his heirs Executors: and admrs: doth hereby further covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, that he the said John Wright his heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever which now have or hereafter Shall or lawfully may have or clayme any Estate, Right Title or Interest of in or to the premisses or any part thereof by from or under him them or any of them shall & will from time to time and att all times hereafter att and upon the Reasonable Request and proper Costs & charges in the law of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, do make acknowledge and Execute all and every such farther and other lawfull and reasonable act and acts thing & things deeds Conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the farther better more perfect and absolute Conveying assuring and Suremaking of all and Singular the premisses hereby before granted unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns as by ye sd Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns or his or their Councell learned in the law shall be Reasonably devised advised or required And Lastly the said John Wright doth hereby covenant to and with ye said Joseph Belfield that he ye said John Wright shall and will att the next Court to be held for the County of Richmond or att Such other time as he Shall be thereto Required by the said Joseph Belfield, acknowledge this deed unto him the said Joseph Belfield, in order to it's being entered upon the Records of ye Said Court In Witnesse Whereof the parties abovenamed to these present Indentures have Interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered	)	John Wright
in the presence of)	
Thos Dickenson		
Jno Davis		
Samll: Godwin		

Att a Court held for Richmond County ye fourth day of February 1712

John Wright came into Court and acknowledged this his deed unto Joseph Belfield and it was att the said Belfields motion admitted to Record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur"

This record indicates that Frances (Wright) Belfield had died before February 4, 1712, and that she and Joseph Belfield had one child Thomas Wright Belfield.

The will of Joseph Belfield was dated on July 16, 1736, probated on June 5, 1738, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/325, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God amen, I Joseph Belfield of Richmond County, & parish of Lunenburgh, Surgeon, do make my Will as follows, I resign my Soul to God my Maker & my body to ye. Earth, and as for such worldly Estate as it shall please God to bless me withall at the Time of my Death (my Debts being first paid) I give devize & Beque'th as follows - I give to my Son Thomas Wright Belfield twenty Shillings, and no more. I desire my dear wife Elizabeth Belfield may have the use of half of my Estate during her life & at her decease the said half to go to my Son Joseph Belfield, To whom I give the other half of my Estate. But in case my Son Joseph Belfield should dye before age or Marriage Then my Will is that his Estate shall go to my grandchildren to be Equally Divided amongst them and I do appoint my dear Wife & my Son Joseph Belfield to be Executrix & Executor to this my last Will & Testament, I renounce & Revoke all former Wills. In Witness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord MDCCxxxvi.

Jos: Belfield

Sign'd Seal'd publish'd & declar'd

In the presence of

Test Thomas Dozer)

Test Richd. Dozer Junr.)

Exd. Sarah Dozer)

At a Court held for Richmond County the fifth day of June MDCCxxxviii.

This will was prov'd in open Court by the Oaths of Thoms. Dozer, Richard Dozer Junr. & Sarah Dozer Witnesses thereto, & Admitted to Record.

Test M: Beckwith Cl Cur."

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Frances (Wright) Belfield and Joseph Belfield in the Belfield Family Cemetery, Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia:

"Joseph Belfield

Birth	1684
Death	1737 (aged 52–53)
Burial	Belfield Family Cemetery Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	136764666"

However, the photograph of the gravestone shows an uncut large stone with a modern plaque attached which reads as follows:

"Founder of Belfield's
of Richmond County VA.

Joseph Belfield - Surgeon
Captian of County Militia
1684-1737

Frances Wright Belfield
1684-1706"

The misspelling of Captain is in the plaque and no source reference was given for the information listed.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the child of Frances (Wright) Belfield and Joseph Belfield was the following:

!) Thomas Wright Belfield, born in about 1705 and before May 27, 1707.

a. Thomas Wright Belfield, His Wife Mary (Meriwether)
(Colston) Belfield, And His Descendants

Thomas Wright Belfield was a son of Frances (Wright) Belfield and Joseph Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴)

On May 27, 1707, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 4/108a, Joseph Belfield and Mary Wilson entered into a premarital agreement, indicating that Joseph Belfield's first wife Frances (Wright) Belfield had died before that date and therefore, that Thomas Wright Belfield was born before May 27, 1707.

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, listed the birth of Thomas Wright Belfield on January 1, 1704/05, the marriage of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) Colston on March 9, 1723/24, in Richmond County, Virginia, and the death of Thomas Wright Belfield on December 7,

1743:

"Belfield, Thomas Wright [Captain] (1 January 1704/5-7 December 1743), a son of Doctor Joseph and Frances (Wright) Belfield (q.v.), married 9 March 1723/4 Mary (Meriwether) Colston (170?-6 October 1750), widow of William Colston, Gentleman, 16??-1721) and daughter of Francis and Mary (Bathurst) Meriwether. The inventory of the very handsome estate of Captain Thomas Wright Belfield, and the wills of himself and wife, are interesting documents. WB#5, p.430, 481, 652; L. H. Jones, Captain Roger Jones of London and Virginia (1911) p.182-184; 12 T 141-145; Lewis, Meriwethers and Their Kin (1938), p.144 et seq."

Married Well And Often, by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) Colston on March 9, 1723/24, and his death in 1743 or 1750:

"Belfield, Thomas Wright & Colston, Mary (widl); 9 Mar 1723/4; groom (1705 - 1743 or 1750) was a son of Dr. Jos. & Frances (Wright) Belfield; bride was a dau. of Francis & Mary (Bathurst) Meriwether and wid. of Wm. Colston (d. 1721); (RC AB 1:64; OB 9:389; WB 5:430, 481, 652; Joseph Belfield FB (NCHS); MRC:16; Beale:208; Belfield:141; Mottrom:55)"

On February 4, 1712, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 6/103, Joseph Belfield purchased from John Wright the remainder interest in land given by Mottrom Wright, Sr., in his will to his children with a remainder interest to John Wright if those children died without issue and recited that Frances (Wright) Belfield and Joseph Belfield had one son Thomas Wright Belfield:

"This Indenture made the Fourth day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland defender of the faith &c Annoq. Domini 1712 Betweene John Wright of the parish of Copely in the County of Westmoreland gentleman of the one part, and Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Chirurgeon of the other part Whereas Mottrem Wright late of the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Virginia gent deced did in and by his last Will and Testament in writing dated the Eighth day of October 1700 (amongst divers other legacies and bequests) give and devise unto his daughter Frances Wright (late wife of the Said Joseph Belfield since deced) Seven hundred acres of his land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek, in the aforesaid County of Richmond to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns For ever and all the Rest of his lands and plantations in Virginia he did give and devise to his Son Mottrem Wright his heirs and assigns for Ever, Willing that in Case either of his said Children Mottrem or Frances Wright should Dye before the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the legacies of him or her so dying should go to the Survivour and to his or her heirs and assigns For Ever, and in Case of both their deceases before Marryage or

the aforesaid age of one and twenty yeares, then he gave and devised the legacies given to his Said two Children as aforesaid unto his Cozen the above named John Wright and to his heirs and assigns for Ever (as in and by the Said Will relation thereto being had doth and may more fully and att large appeare) And Whereas the said Frances Daughter of the Testator intermarried with the said Joseph Belfield, and is since deced leaving Issue by him the said Joseph Belfield, One son named Thomas Wright Belfield, and the said Mottrem Wright the Testators Son is also lately deced unmarried, and under the age of one and twenty yeares so that the Reversion and Remainder in fee of and in the aforesaid lands by Virtue of the aforesaid Will lyes and is Vested in him the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield should dye before age and without Issue."

This record identifies Thomas Wright Belfield as the son of Frances (Wright) Belfield and Joseph Belfield and indicates that he was born before February 4, 1712.

The will of Joseph Belfield dated on July 16, 1736, and probated on June 5, 1738, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/325, listed Thomas Wright Belfield as his son:

". . . . I Joseph Belfield of Richmond County, & parish of Lunenburgh, Surgeon, do make my Will as follows, I give devize & Beque'th as follows - I give to my Son Thomas Wright Belfield twenty Shillings, and no more. In Witness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord MDCCxxxvi.

Jos: Belfield

". . . ."

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Thomas Wright Belfield in the Belfield Family Cemetery, Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia:

"Thomas Wright Belfield

Birth	1704
Death	7 Dec 1743 (aged 38–39)
Burial	Belfield Family Cemetery Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia
Memorial ID	136764702"

However, the photograph of the gravestone shows an uncut large stone with a modern plaque attached which reads as follows:

"Thomas Wright Belfield
1704-1743
Major
Richmond County Militia

Mary Meriwether Belfield
1702-1750"

No source reference was given for the information listed on the plaque.

The will of Thomas Wright Belfield was dated on December 6, 1743, probated on February 6, 1744, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/427, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen -

I Thomas Wright Belfield of the County of Richmond and Parish of Lunenburg being Sick and weak of Body but in Perfect Sence and memory, do make This my Last will and Testament in manner and Forme following; imprimas; I Recommend my Soul to God who gave it mee hoping and Stidfeastly believing that I Shall Receive full Pardon and Remission of my Sins through the Merits of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer

Item my will is that my Executors hereafter named, Dospose of any Part or Parcell of my Lands wheresoever situate, as they Shall think Fitt; for the Dischargeing of my Debts, Item my will is that the Rest of my Lands left after my Just Debts is Discharged, be Equally Devided between my Two Sons John and Joseph, and all my Negroes Goods and Chattles of What Sort or Kind soever be Equally Devided Betwixt my above Named Two Sons John and Joseph and my two Daughters Eliza. & Francis.

Item I Constitute and appoint my Dear wife Mary Belfield my Son John Belfield with my Loving Friend Mr. William Jordan Executors of this my last will and Testament Revoking, Makeing Void other wills heretofore by me made..

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of December one Thousand Seven hundred and Forty three.

T: W: Belfield

Signed Sealed & Delivered)
In the Presence of)
Will __lynn
Charles Boreman
Edwd. Herndon

At a Court Held for Richmond County the Sixth day of February 1744.

This will was proved in open Court by the oath of Edward Herndon one of the witnesses thereto and admitted to Record.

Test.
M: Beckwith CI Cur.

To the worshipfull Court of Richmond Now Sitting

May Belfield widow and Relict of Tho. Wright Belfield deced Certifieth to the worshipfull Court by these Presents under my Hand and Seal & Attested by two Witnesses Solemnly declare that I will not stand to my said late Husbands will but Claim and have to my Selfe all the Benefits which the law Shall allow me out of his Estate and this I say your Worships may order to be Recorded

Given under my hand this Sixth day of February 1743/4

Mary Belfield

Signed and Sealed in Presence of us
Avery Dye Junr.

mark
Edward X Price

Proved in Richmond County Court the Sixth day of February 1743 by the oaths of Avery Dye Junr and Edward Price Witnesses thereto, and admitted to Record.

Test M: Beckwith Cl Cur."

This record identifies the family of Thomas Wright Belfield as follows:

Wife: Mary Belfield

Children:

- 1) John Belfield,
- 2) Joseph Belfield,
- 3) Eliza Belfield, and
- 4) Frances Belfield.

On March 5, 1743, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/436, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Wright Belfield was filed. The inventory extended for seven pages, but no total for the extensive list of assets was included.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) Belfield were the following:

- 1) John Belfield, born in 1725,
- 2) Joseph Belfield, born in 1727,
- 3) Elizabeth (Belfield) Stark, born in 1732, and
- 4) Frances (Belfield) (Walker) Broadnax, born in 1736.

i. John Belfield, His Wife Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, And
His Descendants

John Belfield was a son of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵)

The will of Thomas Wright Belfield dated on December 6, 1743, and probated on February 6, 1744, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/427, listed as John Belfield as his son:

"

I Thomas Wright Belfield of the County of Richmond and Parish of Lunenburg . . .
. do make This my Last will and Testament

. . . .

Item my will is that the Rest of my Lands left after my Just Debts is Discharged, be Equally Devided between my Two Sons John and Joseph, and all my Negroes Goods and Chattles of What Sort or Kind soever be Equally Devided Betwixt my above Named Two Sons John and Joseph and my two Daughters Eliza. & Francis.

Item I Constitute and appoint my Dear wife Mary Belfield my Son John Belfield with my Loving Friend Mr. William Jordan Executors of this my last will and Testament Revoking, Makeing Void other wills heretofore by me made..

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of December one Thousand Seven hundred and Forty three.

T: W: Belfield

. . . ."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that John Belfield was a son of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield, was born in 1725, married Ruth Sydnor in 1744, was a captain, and died in 1801 and that John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield had the following children:

- 1) Thomas Belfield, born in 1745,
- 2) Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn, born in 1747,
- 3) John Belfield, born in 1751,
- 4) Mary (Belfield) Smith, born in 1753,
- 5) Anne (Belfield) Fauntleroy, born on November 17, 1754, and

6) Sydnor Belfield, born in 1758.

Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800,
by Robert K Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of John Belfield and Ruth Sydnor on April
5, 1744:

"Belfield, John & Sydnor, Ruth; 5 Apr 1744; groom was born 23 Jun 1725, the
eld. son of Capt. Thos. Wright & Mary (Meriwether, Colston) Belfield; bride was a
dau. of Anthnoy (d. RC 1759) & Eliz. (Dew) (d. RC 1778) Sydnor; (RC DB
13:472; WB 7:304; Joseph Belfield FB (NCHS); MRC: 14; Beale: 208)"

Fiindagrave.com listed the gravestone of John Belfield in the Belfield Family
Cemetery, Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia:

"John Belfield

Birth	23 Jun 1725 Virginia, USA
Death	19 Aug 1801 (aged 76) Virginia, USA
Burial	Belfield Family Cemetery Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	136764615"

However, the photograph of the gravestone shows a modern stone with the following
inscription:

"Wife
Ruth Sydnor Belfield

John
Belfield
Maj
3 Dragoons
Continental
Line
Rev War"

The will of John Belfield was dated on May 26, 1801, probated on October 5,
1801, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/158, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God amen. I John Belfield of the County of Richmond being of
sound and disposing mind and memory, do Constitute and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking all other Wills
and Testaments heretofore made by me.

Imprimis I devise to my beloved Wife, all my Negroes and their future increase,

together with all my personal Estate of every kind to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and confirm to my son Sydnor Belfield forever, all the Negries of which he is possessed and who formerly belonged to me.

Item I give and confirm to my Daughter Mary Smith forever all the Negroes of which she is now possessed & who formerly belonged to me.

Item I give to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn deceased, the negroes in possession of them or any person for them, and who formerly belonged to me.

It is expressly my intention that the foregoing general devise in favour of my Wife shall not be so Construed as to interfere with, alter, or change the foregoing particular devises, and Confirmations to my son Sydnor Belfield, my daughter Mary Smith and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn.

Item I devise to my beloved Wife during her life, without impeachment for waste the tract of land whereon I now reside together with all its rights and appurtenances, and after her decease I devise the said Tract of land and appurtenances to my son Thomas Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after his death, I devise the said Tract of land and appurtenances to my grandson John Wright Belfield, son of my son Thomas, during his life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said son John Wright Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson John Wright Belfield, and the heirs of such eldest son forever and in case my said grandson John Wright Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death, in such case I devise the said land & appurtenances to my grandson Joseph Belfield, son of my son Thomas Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson Joseph Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson Joseph Belfield and the heirs of such eldest son last named forever and in case my said grandson Joseph Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death in such case I devise the land and appurtenances aforementioned to my grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield, son of my son Thomas Belfield, during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield and the heirs of such eldest son last mentioned forever, and in case my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death, I devise the said land and appertinances to my son Sydnor Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said son Sydnor Belfield, I devise the said land & appurtenances to my grandson John Belfield, son of my son Sydnor, during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson John Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson John Belfield, and the heirs

of such eldest son forever. And it is my Will that the Wives of my sons and grandsons respectively who may become possessed of and entitled to the said land & appertinances by Virtue of the devises aforementioned shall and may be entitled to their reasonable dower in the same, and also it is my Will and desire that this part of my Will shall not obstruct the operation of the subsequent devise in favour of my son Sydnor Belfield.

Item. It is my Will that so long as my son Sydnor Belfield or any of his descendants shall be proprietors of the land adjoining the tract I reside on & which was conveyed to him by me, by deed, I direct that the fence on that part of the tract of land I reside on situate contiguous to my son Sydnor's land shall not be carried out further than where it is now plased, but be continued, where it now stands, quite through the Calf pasture marsh to the Creek, & I devise that my son Sydnor and such of his descendants after him as shall be proprietors of the land now in his possession as aforementioned shall enjoy the use and benefit of that part of my Calf pasture Marsh, which is situate out side of the said fence, and to keep the same for pasture or to get hay from the same and derive every benefit from the same which he or they may be able, and I devise that my said son and his said descendants, shall have the priviledge to make a good and Sufficient road for a Cart way round the said fence, on the outside thereof, for the convenience of going and carrying things to & from the said Marsh & Creek, and which interest, use & benefit I devise shall be enjoyed by my son Sydnor & such of his descendants as he or they respectively become possesd. of or entitled thereto, shall be enjoyed by him or them during their respective natural lives without impeachment for waste thereon, but it is expressly my intention that whenever my son Sydnor or any of his descendants who may be proprietor or proprietors of the land of which my said son is now possessed as aforementioned shall aliene the said land of which my said son Sydnor is now possessed as aforementioned to any other person, than to a descendant of my said son Sydnor, that it is my Will & I do direct do direct that the right, Interest, use and behoof hereby devised to my said son Sydnor and his descendants in manner aforementioned in the said Marsh and road shall cease and determine.

Lastly I appoint my Wife Ruth Belfield my executrix and my son Sydnor Belfield and my friend John Campbell Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26 day of May Eighteen hundred and one.

John Belfield

Signed Sealed Publishd. & declared)
by John Belfield as & for his Testament)
and last Will in our presence & in)
his presence and in the presence of)
each other we have hereunto Sub-)
scribed our names as Witnesses)
R. E. Mitchell

Daniel Lawson
Benja. N. Garland
Moore Fauntleroy
William Smith
Martha Smith X Cross

At a Court held for Richmond County the 5th day of October 1801.

This Last Will and Testament of John Belfield decd. was this day presented in Court by John Campbell and Sydnor Belfield the Executors named in the said Will, and being proved by the oaths of three of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was admitted to record. And on the motion of the said John Campbell and Sydnor Belfield who took the oath and entered into bond with security according to Law, a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
B. McCarty CRC"

This record identifies the family of John Belfield as follows:

Wife: Ruth Belfield

Children:

- 1) Sydnor Belfield,
- 2) Mary (Belfield) Smith,
- 3) Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn, died before May 26, 1801, and
- 4) Thomas Belfield, and

Grandchildren:

Children of Thomas Belfield:

- 1) John Wright Belfield.
- 2) Joseph Belfield, and
- 3) Thomas Meriwether Belfield,

Child of Sydnor Belfield:

- 1) John Belfield.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield were the following:

- 1) Thomas Belfield, born in 1745,
- 2) Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn, born in 1747,
- 3) John Belfield, born in 1751,
- 4) Mary (Belfield) Smith, born in 1753,

- 5) Anne (Belfield) Fauntleroy, born on November 17, 1754, and
- 6) Sydnor Belfield, born in 1758.

(I) Thomas Belfield And His Wife Ann Harwar
(Beale) Belfield

Thomas Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

The will of John Belfield dated on May 26, 1801, and probated on October 5, 1801, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/158, listed Thomas Belfield as one of his children:

" . . . I John Belfield of the County of Richmond . . . do Constitute and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

. . . .

Item I devise to my beloved Wife during her life, without impeachment for waste the tract of land whereon I now reside together with all its rights and appurtenances, and after her decease I devise the said Tract of land and appurtenances to my son Thomas Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after his death, I devise the said Tract of land and appurtenances to my grandson John Wright Belfield, son of my son Thomas, during his life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said son John Wright Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson John Wright Belfield, and the heirs of such eldest son forever and in case my said grandson John Wright Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death, in such case I devise the said land & appurtenances to my grandson Joseph Belfield, son of my son Thomas Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson Joseph Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson Joseph Belfield and the heirs of such eldest son last named forever and in case my said grandson Joseph Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death in such case I devise the land and appurtenances aforementioned to my grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield, son of my son Thomas Belfield, during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield and the heirs of such eldest son last mentioned forever, and in case my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death, I devise the said land and appertinances to my son Sydnor Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste,

. . . .

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26 day of May Eighteen hundred and one.

John Belfield

...."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Thomas Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, was born in 1745, married Ann Harwar Beale in 1780, and died in 1804 and that Thomas Belfield and Ann Harwar (Beale) Belfield had eight children.

(II) Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn And Her Husband
Robert Chinn

Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

The will of John Belfield dated on May 26, 1801, and probated on October 5, 1801, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/158, listed Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn, deceased, as one of his children:

". . . . I John Belfield of the County of Richmond do Constitute and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

....

Item I give to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn deceased, the negroes in possession of them or any person for them, and who formerly belonged to me.

It is expressly my intention that the foregoing general devise in favour of my Wife shall not be so Construed as to interfere with, alter, or change the foregoing particular devises, and Confirmations to my son Sydnor Belfield, my daughter Mary Smith and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn.

....

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26 day of May Eighteen hundred and one.

John Belfield

...."

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Belfield) Chinn had died before May 26, 1801.

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Elizabeth Belfield was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, was born in 1747, married Robert Chinn in 1764, and resided in Lancaster County, Virginia, and that Robert Chinn died in 1784.

(III) John Belfield, His Wife Mary (Beckwith)
Belfield, And His Descendants

John Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that John Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, was born in 1751, married Mary Beckwith in 1785, was a major, and died in 1792 and that John Belfield and Mary (Beckwith) Belfield had the following child:

- 1) Alice Corbin (Belfield) Garland.

(IV) Mary (Belfield) Smith And Her Husband
William Smith

Mary (Belfield) Smith was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

The will of John Belfield dated on May 26, 1801, and probated on October 5, 1801, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/158, listed Mary (Belfield) Smith as one of his children:

". . . . I John Belfield of the County of Richmond do Constitute and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

. . . .

Item I give and confirm to my Daughter Mary Smith forever all the Negroes of which she is now possessed & who formerly belonged to me.

. . . .

It is expressly my intention that the foregoing general devise in favour of my Wife shall not be so Construed as to interfere with, alter, or change the foregoing particular devises, and Confirmations to my son Sydnor Belfield, my daughter Mary Smith and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn.

. . . .

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26 day of May Eighteen hundred and one.

John Belfield

. . . ."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Mary Belfield was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor)

Belfield, was born in 1753, and married Colonel William Smith in about 1771.

(V) Anne (Belfield) Fauntleroy And Her Husband
Griffin Murdock Fauntleroy

Anne (Belfield) Fauntleroy was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Anne Belfield was a daughter of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, was born on November 17, 1754, and married Griffin Murdock Fauntleroy in about 1770.

(VI) Sydnor Belfied And His Wife Ann (Young)
Belfield

Sydnor Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, John⁶)

The will of John Belfield dated on May 26, 1801, and probated on October 5, 1801, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/158, listed as one of his children:

". . . . I John Belfield of the County of Richmond do Constitute and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

. . . .

Item I give and confirm to my son Sydnor Belfield forever, all the Negries of which he is possessed and who formerly belonged to me.

. . . .

It is expressly my intention that the foregoing general devise in favour of my Wife shall not be so Construed as to interfere with, alter, or change the foregoing particular devises, and Confirmations to my son Sydnor Belfield, my daughter Mary Smith and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Chinn.

Item I devise to my beloved Wife during her life, without impeachment for waste the tract of land whereon I now reside together with all its rights and appurtenances, and after her decease and in case my said grandson Thomas Meriwether Belfield shall die and leave no son living at the time of his death, I devise the said land and appertinances to my son Sydnor Belfield during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said son Sydnor Belfield, I devise the said land & appurtenances to my grandson John Belfield, son of my son Sydnor, during his natural life without impeachment for waste, and after the death of my said grandson John Belfield, I devise the said land and appurtenances to the eldest son of my said grandson John Belfield, and the heirs of such eldest son forever. And it is my Will that the Wives of my sons

and grandsons respectively who may become possessed of and entitled to the said land & appertinances by Virtue of the devises aforementioned shall and may be entitled to their reasonable dower in the same, and also it is my Will and desire that this part of my Will shall not obstruct the operation of the subsequent devise in favour of my son Sydnor Belfield.

Item. It is my Will that so long as my son Sydnor Belfield or any of his descendants shall be proprietors of the land adjoining the tract I reside on & which was conveyed to him by me, by deed, I direct that the fence on that part of the tract of land I reside on situate contiguous to my son Sydnor's land shall not be carried out further than where it is now plased, but be continued, where it now stands, quite through the Calf pasture marsh to the Creek, & I devise that my son Sydnor and such of his descendants after him as shall be proprietors of the land now in his possession as aforementioned shall enjoy the use and benefit of that part of my Calf pasture Marsh, which is situate out side of the said fence, and to keep the same for pasture or to get hay from the same and derive every benefit from the same which he or they may be able, and I devise that my said son and his said descendants, shall have the priviledge to make a good and Sufficent road for a Cart way round the said fence, on the outside thereof, for the convenience of going and carrying things to & from the said Marsh & Creek, and which interest, use & benefit I devise shall be enjoyed by my son Sydnor & such of his descendants as he or they respectively become possesd. of or entitled thereto, shall be enjoyed by him or them during their respective natural lives without impeachment for waste thereon, but it is expressly my intention that whenever my son Sydnor or any of his descendants who may be proprietor or proprietors of the land of which my said son is now possessed as aforementioned shall aliene the said land of which my said son Sydnor is now possessed as aforementioned to any other person, than to a descendant of my said son Sydnor, that it is my Will & I do direct do direct that the right, Interest, use and behoof hereby devised to my said son Sydnor and his descendants in manner aforementioned in the said Marsh and road shall cease and determine.

Lastly I appoint my Wife Ruth Belfield my executrix and my son Sydnor Belfield and my friend John Campbell Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 26 day of May Eighteen hundred and one.

John Belfield

. . . ."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Sydnor Belfield was a son of John Belfield and Ruth (Sydnor) Belfield, was born in 1758 and married Ann Young in 1782.

ii. Joseph Belfield, His Wife Mary () Belfield, And
His Descendants

Joseph Belfield was a son of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵)

The will of Thomas Wright Belfield dated on December 6, 1743, and probated on February 6, 1744, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/427, listed Joseph Belfield as his son:

"

I Thomas Wright Befield of the County of Richmond and Parish of Lunenburg . . .
. do make This my Last will and Testament

. . . .

Item my will is that the Rest of my Lands left after my Just Debts is Discharged,
be Equally Devided between my Two Sons John and Joseph, and all my
Negroes Goods and Chattles of What Sort or Kind soever be Equally Devided
Betwixt my above Named Two Sons John and Joseph and my two Daughters
Eliza. & Francis.

. . . .

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of
December one Thousand Seven hundred and Forty three.

T: W: Belfield

. . . ."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Joseph Belfield was a son of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield, was born in 1727, married Mary _____, and died in 1750 and that Joseph Belfield and Mary (_____) Belfield had the following child:

1) Nancy (Belfield) (Lane) Smith.

(I) Nancy (Belfield) (Lane) Smith And Her
Husbands William Lane And Enoch Smith

Nancy (Belfield) (Lane) Smith was a daughter of Joseph Belfield and Mary (_____) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵, Nancy⁶)

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Nancy Belfield was a daughter of Joseph Belfield and Mary (_____) Belfield, married first William Lane, married second Enoch Smith in 1778, and resided

in Kentucky, that William Lane died in 1777, and that Enoch Smith was born in 1750 and died in 1825.

iii. Elizabeth (Belfield) Stark And Her Husband Bolling Stark

Elizabeth (Belfield) Stark was a daughter of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵)

The will of Thomas Wright Belfield dated on December 6, 1743, and probated on February 6, 1744, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/427, listed Eliza. Belfield as his daughter:

"
I Thomas Wright Befield of the County of Richmond and Parish of Lunenburg . . .
. do make This my Last will and Testament
. . . .
Item my will is that the Rest of my Lands left after my Just Debts is Discharged,
be Equally Devided between my Two Sons John and Joseph, and all my
Negroes Goods and Chattles of What Sort or Kind soever be Equally Devided
Betwixt my above Named Two Sons John and Joseph and my two Daughters
Eliza. & Francis.
. . . .
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of
December one Thousand Seven hundred and Forty three.

T: W: Belfield

. . . ."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, stated that Elizabeth Belfield was a daughter of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield, was born in 1732, married Bolling Stark, and died before 1785 and that Bolling Stark was born in 1733, married first _____, was an attorney, and died in 1788 in Richmond, Virginia.

The will of Bolling Stark was dated on November 20, 1787, probated on June 2, 1788, at Henrico County, Virginia, W.B. 2/39, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen I Bolling Stark of the City of Richmond do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First, I give devise and bequeath unto my Son William to him and his heirs forever - Two thousand Acres of Land out of the five thousand Acres located for me by Colo. James Harrod on the Ohio (not long since caveated by John May and still depending in the Supreme Court of Kentucky, under the management of Mr.

Harry Innes) my said Son William to pay the whole expence now due, or which may hereafter become due for locating, surveying and effectually securing the title to the said five thousand Acres of Land; and in Order to enable him to do this with greater ease and convenience I give him a Continental Loan Office Certificate for 379.77/90 Dollars of specie value. Other two thousand Acres of the said five thousand Acres I give devise and bequeath to my Son Bolling King to him and his heirs forever. And the remaining one thousand Acres I give, devise and bequeath to my son Belfield to him and his heirs forever. It is my Will and desire that the aforesaid five thousand Acres of Land be divided among my three Sons as nearly equal in quality as can be; the said division to be made by two or three judicious men of known integrity, to be fixed upon and appointed by the Court of the County wherein the said Land has, upon application from either of my said Sons, either of their Guardians or Agent without the formality of a suit in Chancery; And the division so made I hereby declare shall be Obligatory, and binding upon all the interested parties, any Law or Custom to the contrary Notwithstanding. I also give to my said Son Belfield the following negroes, to wit, George, Daniel, Charles, Hannah, Phillis and her Son Will, to be delivered up to him on the first day of January after my death, and in the mean time to remain in my Wifes possession except the two first mentioned fellows whose hire is to be considered (for that year) as Assetts in the hands of my Executors for payment of debts &c &c. I give to my Son Bolling King the following five negroes, to wit, boy Dick, girl Fanny and woman Rachel and her two Children Sarah and Isaac, those three negroes which came by his Mother he will of course be entitled to at her death, by virtue of a Marriage contract between us, Recorded in Henrico Court. I give to my daughter Clarissa Rothery, Molls Child little Fanny. I give to my daughter Frances Bland the following negroes, fellow Dick, Grace and Esther and do desire my Executors to negotiate the military Certificate for £325 due to me from John Tyler Esqr. upon the best terms they can, and to lay out the money in a negro or negroes as may be judged best, and the negro or negroes thus purchased I give also to my said daughter Frances Bland. I confirm the title unto my Son William, and my daughters, Ann, Elizabeth and Clarissa in and to the several negroes I have heretofore given and put them in possession of respectively; Also whatever title I may have under the Law to the increase of the said negroes. I give my beloved Wife Absolutely my Chair and Harness and Chairs-Horse called Lark, and Crop of every kind (except Tobacco made this year upon my Plantation in Sussex, Provided she goes thither to reside, And, I lend her during her Widowhood the use of the said Plantation together with all the Stocks of Horses, Cattle and Hogs, Carts and harness and implements of husbanding thereon. I also lend her during her Widowhood the following Negroes, to wit, Old Will, Billy, black-water Will, Jamey Maria and Moll, and all my house and kitchen furniture (except Mahogany Wardrobe) and at the expiration of her life or Widowhood which shall first happen, I give the aforesd. Plantation together with all the Stocks of Horse, Cattle and Hogs, Carts and Harness and implements of husbandry belong thereto, and Corn and fodder thereon at the time of her death or expiration of Widowhood as aforesaid, to my Son Belfield to him and his heirs forever; and the aforesaid six negroes at her death or expiration of Widowhood, I desire may be divided among my Children in

the following manner; Old Will and Billy to my Son William, Jamey and black-water Billy to my son Belfield, Moll to my daughter Clarissa, and Maria to my daughter Frances Bland; And my House and kitchen furniture to be equally divided among all my three Sons, (except the best Bed and furniture thereto, to wit, a pair of best blankets, two pair of best sheets, best Virginia cloth counterpain and Bedsted, all of which I give to my daughter Frances Bland, and except also my plate and plated furniture which I desire may be divided among my Children in the following manner, my silver punch Ladle and soop spoon and plated frame and Casters to my Son Belfield, my silver Table spoons and Tea spoons to be equally divided between my Son Bolling King and daughter Frances Bland, and my silver salt spoons, and plated Salt Cellars to my Son Bolling King. I desire my Executors may dispose of my Mahogany Wardrobe (excepted above out of the loan to my Wife) and with part of the money to purchase a large black Walnut Chest of draws, which I lend to my Wife during her widowhood and at the expiration thereof to be thrown in among that part of my furniture which is above directed to be equally divided among my three Sons; the surplus arising from the aforesaid Sale of the wardrobe, I desire may be laid out in a small black Walnut Chest of draws, which I give to my daughter Frances Bland. The Crop of Tobacco made upon my Plantation this year, to be Assets in the hands of my Executors for payment of debts &c. &c. Being very averse to my aforesaid Plantation in Sussex falling into the hands of a Tenant; Therefore if my Wife should not chuse to reside thereon herself, my Will in that case, is, that my Son Belfield should take possession thereof together with all the Stocks of Horses, Cattle and Hogs and all the implements of husbandry which belong to or are ususally kept thereon, and cultivate the same with common labouring negro fellows three of which kind I imagine may be got for the hire his two Sawyers will command and those three with the aid of Charles and little Will will be full sufficient for the purpose especially if farther aided by a Plough boy, which I recommend should be procured by exchanging Phillis annually for one, with some indulgent master who would engage to keep her at spinning or other light house work, as she has a weakness in one of her wrists which puts it out of her power to labour hard in the fields; but my Will is that my Wife shall have a right to demand annually during her Widowhod of my Son Belfield the sum of fifteen pounds Cash, for use of the aforesaid stocks &c. &c. and Plantation in Case she acts so absurdly as to forfeit the use of them herself by refusing or neglecting to reside on the said plantation I desire that the money due to me from Robert Armistead balance for hire of my Sawyers in the year 1786 and £35 due at Xmas next for present years hire of the said Sawyers, from Reuben George by Bond, together with what may be due to me from the Public, as a Councillor, at the time of my death, may be considered as a further aid to the fund appropriated by this will to the payment of my debts, (of which there is an estimate here enclosed) the surplus of the said fund (if any) I give one half of to my wife absolutely, the other moiety I desire my Executors may lay out in necessary repairs and buildings upon my aforesaid Plantation in Sussex, particularly a new negro quarter to be built of the same dimensions and exactly in the same manner as the new kitchen is, except that there need not be any window in the end, neither need there be any fire place to the small room behind the Chimney,

and that room in the new quarter had better be divided into two Cabbins; This House - to be placed exactly at the same distance from the dwelling house at the west end thereof as the new kitchen is at the east end, those three Houses to be upon a line; and if the money is not expended in building the quarter, I would have the remainder laid out in erecting a 20 feet square Lumber-House to be built in the same manner as the new Smoak -House, to range therewith and to be placed at the same distance from the other end of the dwelling House. The Note of hand of my brother Roberts in So. Carolina for £60, I give my Son William but do enjoin my said Son not to distress his Uncle to obtain payment. At the expiration of my Wifes widowhood I give to my Son Bolling King my silver Sugar Tongs. Lastly I desire that there may be no Appraisement of my Estate, and do appoint my friends Daniel Fisher and Robert Walker, and Sons William and Belfield Executors to this my last Will and Testament (all wrote with my own hands) and Guardians to my daughter Frances Bland and Son Bolling King, but my Will is that they and there property continue with my Wife so long they remain unmarried and she remains a Widow, as they may be maintained easier in that way than any other tho perhaps it may be found necessary to hire out my negro fellow Dick (given to my aforesaid daughter) as the most certain mode of procuring her a few imported articles of dress. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20th day of November 1787.

Bolling Stark

At a monthly Court held for Henrico County at the Courthouse on monday the 2d. of June 1788.

The last Will and Testament of Bolling Starke deceased was produced in Court by William Stark and Daniel Fisher two of the Executors therein named and there being no Witnesses to the said Will and the The Honble James Wood and Nathaniel Wilkinson and William Mays jr. Gent. being sworn severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the Testators hand writing and verily believe that the said Will and the name thereto subscribed are all of the said Testators proper hand writing Whereupon the said Will is Ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of the said Executors who made Oath thereto and together with William Mason their Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Six thousand pounds conditioned as the Law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat in due form. Liberty being reserved for the other Executors in the said will named to join in the probat when they shall think fit.

Teste
Adam Craig C. C."

Encyclopedia Of Virginia Biography, by Lloyd Gardiner Tyler and published in 1915, listed the following biography of Bolling Stark:

"Starke, Bolling, son of William Stark and Mary Bolling, his wife, was born

September 20, 1733; burgess for Dinwiddie county in the assemblies of May, 1769 and 1769-1771 and of the convention of May, 1776, which declared independence. He was afterwards a member of the house of delegates, of the governor's council; and state auditor. He died in Richmond in January 1788."

Virginia Vital Records From The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly listed the following obituary for Bolling Stark:

"List Of Obituaries.

From Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers.

Virginia Independent Chronicle.

Name	Date of Death	Date of Paper
....		
Bolling Stark	Friday, 1788	Wed., Jan. 30, 1788.
...."		

iv. Frances (Belfield) (Walker) Broadnax And Her
Husbands Freeman Walker And Henry Broadnax

Frances (Belfield) (Walker) Broadnax was a daughter of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³, Frances⁴, Thomas Wright⁵)

The will of Thomas Wright Belfield dated on December 6, 1743, and probated on February 6, 1744, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 5/427, listed Francis Belfield as his daughter:

"....

I Thomas Wright Befield of the County of Richmond and Parish of Lunenburg . . .
. do make This my Last will and Testament

....

Item my will is that the Rest of my Lands left after my Just Debts is Discharged, be Equally Devided between my Two Sons John and Joseph, and all my Negroes Goods and Chattles of What Sort or Kind soever be Equally Devided Betwixt my above Named Two Sons John and Joseph and my two Daughters Eliza. & Francis.

....

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of December one Thousand Seven hundred and Forty three.

T: W: Belfield

...."

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S.

King, stated that Frances Belfield was a daughter of Thomas Wright Belfield and Mary (Meriwether) (Colston) Belfield, was born in 1736, married first Freeman Walker, and married second Henry Broadnax, that Freeman Walker was born in 1734, resided in Brunswick County, Virginia, and died in 1766, and that Henry Broadnax married first

_____.

2. Mottrom Wright, Jr.

Mottrom Wright, Jr., was a son of 1700 Mottram Wright of Middlesex County, England, and Ruth (Griggs) (Mottrom) (Wright) Gibson. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1700 Mottram³)

On October 11, 1695, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/39 Mottram Wright, Sr., gave to his son Mottram Wright, Jr., eight slaves:

"Know all men by these presents that I Mottr: Wright Senr doth by these presents give assigne & deliver these Eight Negroes as being four men & four women bought by me ye sd wright for my Son Mottr Wright Junir and doth delivr ye sd negroes to my sd Son Mottr before these present persons as shall here wittness ye same Instrumt: of writeing and for my sd Son Mottr Wrights use with there increase for Ever without any mollestacon what Ever as wittness my hand & Seale this ye 11th day of Octobr 1695

Signed sealed & delivered Mottr Wright
in ye psence of us
Roland Lawson Senr
Edwd Gibson p sig:
John Gweye
Charles Higginson

negro Frank
negro Nora & her Encrease
negro Betty & her encrease
negro Peter
negro Dido & her encrease

Att a Court held for Lancastr County ye 10th day of Febr'y 1702 Edwd Gibson made oath yt he see the sd Wright signe seale & deliver ye above instrumt: to the uses therein exprest

Test
Jos Tayloe, CL

Recorde p Idem Jos Tayloe"

The will of Frances Moore dated June 17, 1700, and probated on March 10,

1701/2, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/108, named Mottrom Wright, Sr., as executor and made a gift of a mare to Mottrom Wright, Jr.:

"In the Name of God Amen, I Frances Moore doe make and ordaine this my last Will in manner following;

Item. I give unto Mottrom Wright Junr., my mare branded G.K., with her colt & my Cow & yearling;

. . . .

Dated ye seaventh day of June 1700."

The will of Mottrom Wright, Sr., dated on October 8, 1700, and probated on October 10, 1700, at Middlesex County, England, and in July 1701 at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/103, identified Mottrom Wright, Jr., as one of his children:

"In the Name of God Amen the eighth day of Octbr Anno Domini 1700 I Mottrom Wright of Milsend in the Parish of St Dunstans Stepney __ Stebonheath in the County of Midlesex Mercht doe therefore make publish and Declare this my last will and Testamt in manner and form following That is to Say Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Wright the Sum of one hundred pounds of Lawfull money of England and also Seven hundred Acers of my land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahk Creek in Virginia to be taken out of my Land not hurting my manner Plantation There to hold the Sd Seven hundred Acres of Land with the appurtenances unto my Sd Daughter Frances Wright and to her heires and assignes for ever Item I give Devise and bequeath unto my Sonn Mottrom Wright the Sum of Six hundred pounds of like money and alsoe all my houses Mesuages Lands tenements orchards plantations and hereditements with the Appurtenances Scituate in Virginia or else where except the Seven hundred Acres of Land above given to my Daughter Frances Wright To hold unto my Sd Son Mottrom Wright and to his heires and assignes for ever Item I further Give and Bequeath unto my Sd Son Mottram Wright the last Six Negroes I bought Itam I give and bequeath to each and every other of my Children born of the body of my wife Ruth Wright the Sum of Twenty Shill a peace and noe more Itam I give and bequeath onto my aforenamed Two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright all the rest Residue and Remainder of my Temporall estate be it of wt kind nature or quality Soever or whereso: that Shall of Right belong or appertaine unto me after the Legacies herein before given and bequeathed are Satisfied and paid to be Shared and parted between them my Sd two Children Mottrom Wright and Frances Wright part and part a like and in case of the Death or Decease of either of my Sd. Children Mottrom or Frances Wright before the age of Twenty one years or day of Marriage then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies of him or her Soe dieing unto the Survivor of them and to his and her heirs and assignes forever and in Case of both their Decease before Marriage or age of Twenty one years then my will and pleasure is and I give Devise and bequeath the Legacies before given to them my Two Children Mottrom and Frances unto my Cousin John Wright and to his heires and

Assignes for ever and I Requestt my Loving friend Capt John Purvis to be overseer of this my will and that he would see my Son Mottrom Wright brought up and educated according to the Church of England and I doe hereby make Nominate and appoint my Sd Son Mottrom Wright to be full and Sole Execr of this my last will and Testamt"

On November 10, 1701, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/4, John Purvis of London, as administrator of the estate of Mottrom Wright, Sr., during the infancy of Mottrom Wright, Jr., appointed Edwin Thacker of Middlesex County, Virginia, as his attorney in fact to act for him in connection with the estate of Mottrom Wright, Sr.:

"Know all men by these presents tht I John Purvis of London, Merchant, Administr: of ye Will annext of Mottrom Wright, late of Mile End in the Parrish of St. Dunstans Stepney als. Stevonheath in the County of Middx., Mercht., deced., during the infancy of Mottrom Wright, Son of the said Mottrom Wright, deced., have for sundry good causes appointed my Trusty & well beloved Friend, Edwin Thacker in the Co. of Middx. in Virginia Gemnt. to be my true & lawfull Attorney (as Administratr. of the said Mottrom Wright, deced., during the infancy of his said Son, Mottrom Wright) into all those houses orchards plantations and hereditaments with the appurtenances to enter to give and deliver possession thereof and of the sd. premisses unto the sd. John Purvis or the said Mottrom Wright as he shall be required and directed. And I do hereby further grant unto my sd. Attorney (during the infancy of the sd. Morton Wright) full power to implead and condemn all p:sons as are debtors to the said Estate and discharges to deliver and to execute and finish all and everything wch: may be necessary of the said Estate in such manner as I the said John Purvis in my owne p:son might or would do confirmeing and alloweing the same to be done giving my said Attorney power to make more Attorneys under him if he shall think fitt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 10th day of November Anno Dm. 1701 and in the 13 year of the reigne of or: Sovereigne Lord William the Third by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defendr. of the faith, &c.

Sealed & delivered in ye John Purvis
presence of
Tho: Graves,
Samll. Goslin,
Tho: Merrall

Probat: uno decimo die March 1701/02 p sacramt. Tho: Graves & Samll. Goslin.
Jurat in Cur.

Test
Jos: Tayloe, Cl.

I James Puckle Notary and Tabellion Publick dwelling in London by Royall

Authority admitted and sworne, do hereby certifie and attest that Mr. Jno: Purvis, Merchant, in the foregoing Letter of Attorney mentioned, did signe seale and as his act and deed deliver the said Letter of Attorney done in London aforesaid the tenth day of November: Anno Dom. 1701

Jabus Puckle
Notarius Public

Record 23d March 1701/2.

Jos: Tayloe, Cl."

On January 13, 1702/03, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/31, Mottrom Wright, Jr., of Lancaster County purchased from Robert Scofeild 191½ acres of land in Lancaster County:

"This Indenture made this thirteenth day of January Ano Dom: one Thousand seven hundred and two & in ye first yeare of ye reigne of our Sovereigne Lady of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defendr of ye faith &c. between Robt. Scofeild of ye County of Lancr Planter of ye one pt. & Mottrom Wright the Son of Mottrom Wright Late of ye sd County of Lancaster deced Gentlemn of the other pt Wittnesseth That ye sd Robt Schofeild for & in consideration of ye valuable Sume of one hundred pounds Sterl: money to him in hand well & truly by the sd Mottrom Wright the rect whereof he doth hereby acknowledg and Thereof and of Every part thereof doth hereby acquit and Discharge ye sd Mottrom Wright his heires and asss. forever, hath Given granted bargained Sold Aliened Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully & Absolutely give grant Bargain Sell Alien Enfoeffe and Confirm unto ye Said Mottrom Wright his heires & asss: forever one hundred ninty one acres & A halfe of Land Scituate Lying & being in ye County of Lancaster Lying and being in Rappa: Forrest Bounded as follows vizt begining for ye Line att a corner marked Hickory corner tree of Mr Charles Lee alias maidson and extending thence North West three hundred and sixty poles to a Stake standing in Mr. Lee's line neare to a corner Hickory bearing North East from ye sd. Stake from thence North East ninty five poles and a halfe to a corner marked Holly tree standing in a small Branch in Mr. Lee's North East line, from thence along a line devideing from Mr. Mottrom Wright alias Greg's South forty nine degrees East two hundred and twenty three poles & twenty links to a corner now devideing Mr. Wright & Mr. Lawson and this land, from thence to the begining Hickory along Mr. Lawsons line, wch: said land was formerly granted to ye sd. Robt Scholfeild, Junr. by Will: Fitch Hugh and George Brent by Deed registered in the Proprietors office dated ye 11th day of Novr: 1697, & also all proffitts & appertenances to the sd one hundred ninty one acres and a halfe of land belonging, ye sd. Mottrom Wright paying ye Quitt Rents wch: from henceforth to grow due to be paid and further I the sd. Robt. Scholfeild doth hereby authorize Jos: Tayloe and Daniel McCarty or either of them to appeare att Lancastr: County Court and acknowledge these presents in open Court to the end the same be entred upon ye Records of ye sd. County; In Witness whereof

the said Robt: Scholfeild hath here unto sett his hand and seale the day and
yeare first abovesd. Written sealed and delivered in the pr:sents of

George Harward
Jno: Hutchings
Tho: Wallter

Robert Scholfeild

Recorded in Cur Com Lancast: 13th day Janry. 1702/3

Jos: Tayloe,
Clerk"

Virginia Colonial Abstracts, by Beverly Fleet, stated that on May 7, 1712, at
Richmond County, Virginia, Records 1704-1724/69, the following depositions regarding
the birth of Mottrom Wright, Jr., were recorded:

"p. 69. "May 7th 1712 Henry Bruce of Sittenburne parish in Richmond County
aged fourty eight yeares or thereabouts Deposeth and sayeth that William Bruce
the son of this Deponent and Mary his wife was borne the one and thirtieth day
of October in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred and eighty nine
and that his said son William Bruce, and Motrem Wright the son of Motrem
Wright late of Sittenburne parish in Richmond County were Christened in one
Day, and that to the best of this Deponents knowledge or beliefe the said
Motrem Wright was younger then your Deponents said son Wm Bruce And
further he sayeth not Hen Bruce Sworne to in Richmond County Court the 7th
day of May 1712 and admitted to Record Test Jno Tayloe D Cl".

p. 69. May 7th 1712 "Elinor Thomas aged Fifty eight yeares or thereabouts
deposeth and saith that att the time when Motrem Wright Jun'r the son of
Motrem Wright the elder dec'ed was borne she lived with the said Motrem Wright
the elder on Rapp'ac Creek, and that it is, since the said Motrem Wright the
Younger was borne twenty two yeares in Jan'ry last past and no more having a
son of her owne borne the July following and further she saith not" Elinor x
Thomas her marke. Sworne to in Richmond County Court the 7th day of May
1712 and admitted to Record. Test Jno Tayloe, D Cl."

p. 69-A. May 7th 1712 "Mary Leasure wife of Bartho: Leasure aged fourty
yeares or there abouts deposeth and sayeth that Motrem Wright the younger the
son of Motrem Wright the elder, is (if he had lived) twenty two yeares of age in
Jan'ry last, and that the reason she has to show for the same is, that she had a
Daughter borne about a week or thereabouts after the said Motrem Wright the
younger, and that she was twenty two yeares old in Jan'ry last and no more, and
further she saith not". Mary M Leasure her mark. Sworne to in Richmond
County Court the 7th day of May 1712 and admitted to Record. Test Jno
Tayloe, D Cl.

p. 69-A. May 7th 1712. "Mary Bruce the wife of Henry Bruce aged fourty seven

yeares or there abouts Deposeth and sayth, that shee this depon't had a son borne before Motrem the younger the son of Motrem Wright the elder late of Rappa'ac Dec'ed, and that her said son to the the best of her knowledge or Remembrance was twenty and two yeares old in last October and no more, and that Motrem Wright the younger was borne in the month of Jan'ry Following And further she sayeth not". Mary M Bruce her mark. Sworne to in Richmond County Court the 7th day of May 1712 and admitted to Record. Test Jno Tayloe, D Cl. "Att a Court held for Richmond County the 7th day of May 1712 The said Depositions of Henry Bruce Elinor Thomas Mary Lesure and Mary Bruce, att the motion of Joseph Belfield were ordered to be Recorded and are Recorded Test Jno Tayloe D Cl".

These four records indicate that Mottrom Wright, Jr., was born in January 1689/90.

On February 4, 1712, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 6/103, Joseph Belfield purchased from John Wright the remainder interest in land given by Mottrom Wright, Sr., in his will to his children with a remainder interest to John Wright if those children died without issue and recited that Mottrom Wright, Jr., had died unmarried and before reaching age 21:

"This Indenture made the Fourth day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland defender of the faith &c Annoq. Domini 1712 Betweene John Wright of the parish of Copely in the County of Westmoreland gentleman of the one part, and Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Chirurgion of the other part Whereas Mottrem Wright late of the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Virginia gent deced did in and by his last Will and Testament in writing dated the Eighth day of October 1700 (amongst divers other legacies and bequests) give and devise unto his daughter Frances Wright (late wife of the Said Joseph Belfield since deced) Seven hundred acres of his land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek, in the aforesaid County of Richmond to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns For ever and all the Rest of his lands and plantations in Virginia he did give and devise to his Son Mottrem Wright his heirs and assigns for Ever, Willing that in Case either of his said Children Mottrem or Frances Wright should Dye before the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the legacyes of him or her so dying should go to the Survivour and to his or her heirs and assigns For Ever, and in Case of both their deceases before Marriage or the aforesaid age of one and twenty yeares, then he gave and devised the legacyes given to his Said two Children as aforesaid unto his Cozen the above named John Wright and to his heirs and assigns for Ever (as in and by the Said Will relation thereto being had doth and may more fully and att large appeare) And Whereas the said Frances Daughter of the Testator intermarried with the said Joseph Belfield, and is since deced leaving Issue by him the said Joseph Belfield, One son named Thomas Wright Belfield, and the said Mottrem Wright the Testators Son is also lately deced unmarried, and under the age of one and

twenty yeares so that the Reversion and Remainder in fee of and in the aforesaid lands by Virtue of the aforesaid Will lyes and is Vested in him the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield should dye before age and without Issue. . . ."

This record in conjunction with the depositions indicates that Mottrom Wright, Jr., had died before January 20, 1711.

C. 1713 Francis Wright Of Westmoreland County, His Wives Anne (Washington) Wright And Martha () (Wright) Howell, And His Descendants

1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and Ann (Mottram) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard²)

The will of Richard Wright dated on August 16, 1663, and probated on December 10, 1663, at Northumberland County, Virginia, W.B. 1658-1666/114, listed Francis Wright as one of his children:

"In the name of God Amen I Richard Wright of Chickacone . . . doe make this my last will & testement in maner & forme following:

. . . .

Item I will & bequeath unto my loveing wife Anne Wright the one halfe of my land lying & being upon Machoatick & Patomack River, she takeing that halfe that issues [or ioynes] upon my brother Spencer, & the land to have as long as she lives & after her death to goe to my sonne Francis

Item I give & bequeath unto my ____ land lying & being upon ____ halfe at present & the other ____ to him & his heirs for ever ____ francis all my money in Engl ____ for the discharging the ____ education, Likewise I doe ____ Sonne francis Wright my ____ last will & Testament.

. . . ."

This record indicates that Francis Wright was born before August 16, 1663.

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin and published in Tyler's Quarterly in 1923, stated that on September 26, 1682, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, Order Book 1675-1689/263, Francis Wright was sued by Thomas Youle for detaining his lands:

"Sept 26, 1682. Thomas Youle vs. Francis Wright. Upon Complaint of Thomas Youle Setting forth that Francis Wright hath forceably intruded into his Lands and detains them from him, And Tho: George, attorney to the Defendt replies that

the Declaracon is insufficient because it specifies not the force; but by consent of both parties, noe advantage beinge taken of not p'senting ye reply, The Cort p'ceed and Ordr That on the twentieth of October next both parties to meete on the plantacon and that a Survey bee made of the Lands contained in the Pattents, by Mr Robert Chamberlaine and Mr. William Horton, or in his absence by Mr Jno Hony Surveyor chosen by both parties, and that there be a sufficient jury of ye neighbourhood retain'd and sworne by the next Justice of the peace, who shal Lay out the Lands according to the Pattents."

This record indicates that Francis Wright resided in 1682 in Westmoreland County.

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also stated that on January 3, 1682/83, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, Order Book 1675-1689/270, the Court ordered the sheriff to put Thomas Youle in possession of his land and Francis Wright appealed the judgement:

""Court of Jan. 3 1682-3. Tho: Youle vs Francis Wright. The Cort Ordr that the Sheriff of this County doe forthwith put ye sd Tho: Youle into ye actual possession of his sd Lands holden from him by ye sd Francis Wright. From which judgmt the sd. Francis Wright appeales to the third day of the next Genll Cort: and Mr. Lawrence Washington assumed Security for ye sd Wright."

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Francis Wright and Anne Washington as before January 8, 1682/83:

"Wright, Francis & Washington, Anne; bef. 8 Jan 1682/83; groom was a son of Rich. & Ann (Mottrom) Wright; bride was a dau. of Lt. Col. Jn. Washington; (RapC RB 1682-88:351; RC OB 4:333; WC DW 2:188a; DW 4:1; OB 1675-89:269; Wright 1:130; Wright 2:54)"

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on November 29, 1682, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1675-89/267, Francis Wright was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Westmoreland County:

"By vertue of an Ordr from the Honble Sr Henry Bixby Knt, his Maties Deputy Governo, Mr. Francis Wright of this county first haveing taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy & the Oath of a Justice of the Peace was by the Cort admitted a Justice of the Peace for this County."

This record indicates that Francis Wright was of legal age before November 29, 1682, and therefore, was born before November 29, 1661. "The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright",

by Charles Arthur Hoppin and published nine years earlier, had stated that Westmoreland County, Virginia, Order Book 1675-1689/267, was dated on September 26, 1682, which would have indicated that Francis Wright was of legal age before September 26, 1682, and therefore, was born before September 26, 1661. The microfilm copy of page 266 of the Court Order Book available from FamilySearch.org is faded and difficult to read, but appears to list the court date as November 29, 1682, rather than September 26, 1682.

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on August 27, 1685, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1675-1689/450, the Court awarded 400 pounds of tobacco for visiting and curing Francis Wright's wife:

"Court of 27 Aug. 1685. Present Mr. Francis Wright

. . . .
Thomas Heath vs Francis Wright. The plt declared agst ye deft. for one Thousand pds. of Tobacco for journeys, visitts, phisick & Cure of ye Deft's wife. But the Cort thought fitt to allow ye plt. noe more then ffower Hundred pds of Tobacco & Cask wch the Court Ordr ye sd Deft. to pay unto ye plt. or Ordr the sd 400 li of Tobacco & Cask wth Costs of Suite, als Exon."

On February 25, 1685/6, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/1, Francis Wright and his wife Ann (Washington) Wright sold to Michael Halbert 100 acres of land in Westmoreland County which had been granted to Ann (Washington) Wright's father John Washington and descended to her by reason of her father's death:

"To all christian people to whom these presents shall come, Francis Wright and Ann his wife send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Know Ye that I Francis Wright of the County of Westmoreld in Virga Gentl and I the said Ann daughter of Col John Washington of the County aforesaid decd now wife to the said Francis Wright for good causes and considerations us thereunto moving & more especially for the sum of four thousand pounds of tobacco in cash to us in hand delivered and wherewith we do acknowledge ourselves satisfied and paid, have granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien enfeoff and confirm unto Michael Halbert one hundred acres of land situate in Westmorld County in Virga. at the head of Madox granted to the said John Washington by patent and now by the death of the said Washington devolving and dissending to Ann his daughter (now wife to the said Wright by hereditary right together with all buildings fences, orchards, woods, rivers, waters, privileges members and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and to hold the said messuages or hundred acres of land with its members and appurtenances above recited to him the said Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns forever, And the said Francis

Wright and the said Ann his wife do for themselves, their heirs, Executors and Admrs to and for either and every of them covenant, promise grant and agree to and with the said Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns that the said hundred acres of land now is and from time to time and at all times hereafter shall be and remain free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted and discharged of and from all and all manner of former bargains, sails, guifts, grants Feofments, Jointures, Dowers titles of dowers, leases and from all and all manner of other titles, claims, charges and incumbrances of any manner of person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming the said messuage or hundred acres of land with its members and appurtenances aforesaid. In witness whereof we the said Francis Wright and Ann Wright have hereto put our hands and seals this 25th day of February in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the second Annoque Dom: 1685

Signed, Sealed and deli-	)	Francis Wright
vered in the presence of us	)	Ann Wright
Thomas Baker	)	John Wright
Thomas Marshall		
Ann Read		

March the 31st 1686. Acknowledged in Court by Francis Wright and then recorded

P. Tho: Marson D.C.C.P.

Westmorl: SS

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707.

John Wright Gentl. son and heir apparent of Francis Wright Gent: party to this present conveyance by subscribing his name to the same and by himself in person acknowledged and voluntarily disclaimed any right, title or interest in and to the lands and premises in the said conveyance contained or to any part or parcel thereof for divers and especial considerations at this time him thereunto moving.

Test
Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Pred

Recordatz: primo die April 1707.

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the County of Westmorl in Virga. do acknowledge and confess myself to be indebted to Michael Halbert his heirs, Exors Admrs in the full and just sum of ten thousand pounds of good tobacco in cash to be paid upon all demands after the date of

these presents and to the performance hereof well and truly to be done I do bind myself my heirs and assigns firmly by these presents and in testimony to the truth hereof have hereto put my hand and seal this 25th day of Febr'y 1685.

Test

Ja: Westcomb Cler. Cler. Com Pred

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounded Francis Wright his heirs and assigns do from time to time and at all times hereafter save defend and keep harmless the Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns in the quiet and peaceable possession of one hundred acres of land which he holds in right of Ann his wife and now by deed of feofment from the said Wright and Ann his wife granted sold aliened and confirmed to the Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns for a valuable consideration Recd. according to all the parts members and claims and things mentioned in the aforesaid deed of feofment bearing date with these presents And shall and will make such further assurances in law as by the said Michael Halbert and his learned counsel in the law shall be devised, or advised, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to stand in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presents of us) Francis Wright
) John Wright

Tho: Baker

Tho: Marshall

Westmorld: SS

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707.

John Wright, Gentl, son and heir apparent of Francis Wright Gentl. party to the within Bond in open Court acknowledged himself a party to the said bond by subscribing his name thereto and the penalty therein specified to enure and be good and valued to all intents and purposes therein declared against him his heirs, Executors and Admrs to the benefit and advantage of the therein named Michael Halbert according to the true meaning and purport of the said bond.

Test

Ja: Westcomb Cler. Com Ped

Recordatz: primo die Aprilis 1707

Pr Eund'm Cler'um"

This record indicates that Francis Wright had married Ann Washington, daughter of John Washington, prior to February 25, 1685/6, and that they had a son John Wright who was of legal age before March 26, 1707, and therefore, born before March 26.

1686.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on February 26, 1690, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1690-98/___, Francis Wright was appointed Sheriff of Westmoreland County:

"[Ibid.] Order of court, February 26, 1690: - Wright Swn Sheriff. Mr. Francis Wright sworn High Sheriff of the county for this yeare. and Captain Law: Washington assumes to indemnifie the Court and to enter into bond with the sd. Wright for the due pformance of the trust according to the Governor's ord.

Clark & Pope Undersheriffs. Mr Wm Clark & Nathl.. Pope haveing first took the Oaths were sworn Under Sheriff & Deputy to the sd Mr. ffra: Wright."

On November 29, 1693, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1690-98/118, Francis Wright was appointed Surveyor of the Highways for the precinct of Secretaries Neck:

"At a Court held for the sd County the 29th day of November 1693

. . . .
Mr. ffrancis Wright is appointed Surveyr. of the Highways for that prcinct comonly known by the name of the Secretaries Neck. Ordered that hee imediately Cause the Roads within the said prcinct to be well & Sufficiently cleared & the bridges & Swamps therein to be amended & repaired According to Law."

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on April 25, 1694, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1690-1698/132, Francis Wright was appointed to take the list of tithables:

"Court of 25 April 1694. Mr ffrancis Wright is by the Court appointed to take the list of Tythables for the upper P'cincts of Copeley parish."

The will of Lawrence Washington was dated on March 11, 1697/98, probated on March 30, 1698, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/133, and provided for a bequest to the children of his sister Anne Wright:

"In the name of God amen, I, Lawrence Washington, of Washington Parish in the County of Westmoreland in Virginia, Gentleman, . . . doe make constitute; ordain & declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

. . . .
Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister Anne Writts children, One man Servent a piece of four or five years to serve, or Three Thousand pounds of Tobacco to purchase the same, to be delivered or paid to them when they arrive to the age

of Twenty-years old.
. . . ."

The gift to Anne Wright's children rather than to Anne Wright indicates that she had died before March 11, 1697/98. This record also indicates that Anne (Washington) Wright's children were under the age of 21 on March 11, 1697/98, and therefore, were born after March 11, 1677/78.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on June 3, 1699, Francis Wright was appointed a Major of the Westmoreland County Militia:

"[Public Record Office, London, Calender of State Papers, America and West Indies, 1699, p. 267]:

Minutes Of The Council Of Virginia, 1699, June 3. The Governor appointed the principal officers of Militia in the several counties: Westmoreland County Francis Wright, Major."

On October 25, 1700, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 3/57, Alexander Notes gave his bond to Francis Wright to abide by a decision by arbitrators Richard Lee and Isaac Allerton regarding a dispute over their partnership to build a brigantine:

"Know all men by these presents that I, Alexander Notes of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmoreland am held and firmly bound unto Francis Wright of the parish and County aforesaid Gentl. in the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds sterl. to be paid to the said Francis Wright or to his certain Attorney, Exrs., Admrs. or assigns for the which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself, my heirs and Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents, sealed with my seale and dated the 25th day of October 1700. Whereas by a certain bond bearing date the Eight day of October 1700 made between the said Francis Wright and the said Alexander Notes wherein the said Alexander Notes did oblige himself in the penalty of One hundred pounds Sterl. to stand to and abide the award, arbitrament and final determination of the honble Richard Lee, Esqr. & Isaac Allerton Esqr. arbitrators in differently selected and chosen on the parts & behalves of the said Francis Wright and James Westcomb and Alexr. Notes to decide and to determine all differences, cause of suits or demands whatsoever touching or concerning a certain brigantine built in partnership betwixt them, the said award to be delivered up to the said parties demanding the same on or before the going down of the sun [sun?] on this present day. And whereas by multiplicity of business could not be effected And whereas the said parties have mutually agreed between themselves to give liberty and time till the first day of November next ensuing for the said arbitrators to finish and determine the said

award and to deliver their said award under their hands and seals to the said Wright at or before the going down of the sun on the said day if the same shall be required by the said Francis Wright or his assigns and in case of their not making such final award to stand to the award and determination of such other person as they the said arbitrators shall think fit to nominate and appoint as umpire to determine the same so as the said umpire give his said award and final determination under his hand and seal to the said Francis Wright or assigns requiring the same on or before the going down of the sun on the fifteenth day of November aforesaid (if the same happen not to be on a Sunday) and then on the next day by the suns' going down. Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the said Alexr. Notes do and shall well and truly observe, perform, fulfill and keep the award and arbitration of the said Coll: Lee and Col. Allerton or in case of their not finishing the same of the award of such umpire as aforesaid to be delivered as aforesaid: that then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full power and virtue.

Alexr. Notes

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
Tho: Smith, Thomason Jould

Virga: S.S.

At a Court held the 20th day of October 1701.

Upon the motion of Alexr. Notes this bond was admitted to record

Test C. C. Thacker Che. Genl Court

Westmoreland S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 25th day of March 1702.

Upon motion of George Eskridge the above bond was admitted to record.

Test Ja: Westcomb Che: Com: __(?)d"

On February 23, 1703, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 3/209,
Francis Wright appointed Nathaniel Pope as his attorney in fact to execute leases for his land in Richmond County:

"I do hereby appoint and depute Nathaniel Pope my Attorney to draw and sign leases for the land I hold in Richmond County to any persons as he shall think and for what term and rent he shall think fit and for so doing this shall be his sufficient power. Given under my hand this 23rd day of February 1703.

Test Saml. Godwin

Francis Wright"

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on April 26, 1703, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 3/154, Francis Wright and others were reappointed by Queen Anne as Justices of the Peace for Westmoreland County. A full transcription of the lengthy commission is not provided here.

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also stated that on October 5, 1704, Francis Wright served on a special commission of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in Richmond County, Virginia, appointed:

". . . . for Tryall of all Treasons, petty Treasons, ffelonies, Burglaryes, Murders, Thefts, Robberyes, Larcenyess, Ryote Routs or unlawfull Assemblies, Batteryess and Trespasses Committed made or done by any Indians in the said County of Richmond, and Especially of and Con cerning the death and Murder of John Roley, Katherine jRoley, William Roley, and Mary Webb, or any of them -"

On March 25, 1707, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/4, Francis Wright and his son and heir apparent John Wright sold to Thomas Goff 200 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made the 25th day of March 1707 in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen Defender of the faith &c and in the year of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred and six Beetween Francis Wright of Westmorld County in the Colony of Virga. Gentl. and John Wright, son and heir apparent of the sd Francis Wright of the one part and Thomas Goff of Richmond County in the Colony aforesaid planter of the other part Witness that they the said Francis Wright and John Wright as well for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand pounds of tobacco and cash to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Goff at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof and of every part & parcel thereof the sd Francis Wright and John Wright do hereby confess and acknowledge themselves therewith fully contented satisfied and paid and thereof do acquit, exonerate & forever discharge the said Thomas Goff his heirs, Executors & Admrs and every of them by these presents as also for several other good causes and considerations them the said Francis and John Wright thereunto at this time especially moving, Have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened enfeofed and confirmed and by these presents do fully, freely and clearly give grant, bargain sell alien enfeof and absolutely confirm unto the said Thomas Goff and his heirs forever all that tract or parcel of land which hath been already laid out and surveyed by one Mr. Horton Late of Westmorld County decd by the order of Francis Wright party to these presents unto the said Thomas Goff and Wm Goff late decd adjoining upon the land of Wm Boothe situate in Washington Parish in the County of Westmorld: aforesaid containing by

estimation in the whole two hundred acres of land be the same more or less with all houses out houses, tobacco houses, barns, buildings, gardens orchards and edifices whatsoever together with all woods and underwoods, timber trees and trees likely to make timber with and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders thereof rents, issues and profits of all and singular the premises aforesaid and all the Estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Francis and John Wright of in and to the same and every or any part thereof, but if in case that it shall so happen that the plat and survey of the said two hundred acres of land cannot be found that then and in such case the said Thomas Goff and his heirs at their proper cost and charges shall have the same laid out and surveyed to them by said Francis and John Wright their heirs and assigns upon reasonable request to them or any of them to be made. To Have and to Hold the said two hundred acres of land aforesaid with all their appurtenances unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever to the only sole proper use benefit and behoof of him the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forevermore and to and for none other use intent and purpose whatsoever & the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff in manner and form following, (that is to say) that the said Francis Wright and John Wright have or one of them hath at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, a good, true, absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in pure and absolute fee simple of, in and unto all and singular the premises aforesaid with all its rights, members and appurtenances and being so seized have or one of them hath good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain and sell the same unto Thomas Goff aforesaid his heirs and assigns in manner as aforesaid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff that he the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter have hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy all and singular the premises aforesaid and every part thereof without the let, suit, trouble, molestation or interruption of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever and that the premises aforesaid with the appurtenances now are and be and from henceforth forever hereafter shall remain, continue and be unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of and from all and all manner of former and other gifts, bargains, sales, grants, mortgages, leases, Judgments, Extents, Executions dowers and title of dowers, rents and arrearages of rent and from all other debts charges and incumbrances whatsoever (the chief rent of the Lord of the fee due and to become due from the time of the sale only excepted And the said Francis Wright and John Wright do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff and his heirs that the said Francis Wright and John Wright and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim any right, title or interest of in or to the premises aforesaid & every or any part thereof shall and will upon every reasonable request, costs and charges in the law of him the sd Thomas Goff his heirs make do seal perfect acknowledge suffer and execute or cause to be made

done, sealed, perfected, acknowledged suffered and executed all and singular act and acts, thing and things device or devices conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the better and further assurance and suremaking of the premises aforesaid with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever as by the learned counsel in the law of the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns shall reasonably device advice or require. In witness whereof the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first within written.

Sealed & delivd.	)	Francis Wright
in the presence of	)	John Wright
Thomas Sorrell)	
Geo. Eskridge)	

Westmor'ld: S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707, Francis Wright and John Wright Gentl acknowledged this present conveyance of lands &c to be their proper act and deed and the lands and premises thereby mentioned to be conveyed to the therein named Thomas Goff to be the just right and Inheritance of him the said Thomas Goffe his heirs and assigns forever.

Test
Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Pe'd

Recordatz: primo die April 1707

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um"

This record indicates that Francis Wright's son John Wright was of legal age on March 25, 1707, and therefore, born before March 25, 1686.

On February 21, 1708/9, at Westmoreland D.&W.B. 4/174, Francis Wright and John Wright of Westmoreland County sold to Thomas Robins 200 acres of land in Westmoreland County by deed of lease and release:

"This Indenture made the twenty first day of February one thousand seven hundred and Eight and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England Scotland, France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright & John Wright of Cople parish in the County of Westmorland Gentl. of the one part and Thomas Robins of Washington Parish in the said County planter of the other party, Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and Jno. Wright for and in consideration of five shillings of good and lawful money of England to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Robins at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do own, Have given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Robins all their right,

title property, benefit claim & demand whatsoever of, in and to two hundred acres of land situate lying and being in the parish of Washington and County aforesaid and beginning at a corner marked hickory of the land of Thomas Marshall and extending East twenty pole to a red oak then North ninety two pole to a marked red oak thence West One hundred and forty pole to a black oak standing in the Westernmost line of the Pattent, then South up the said line to a corner marked chesnutt tree Eighty poles, thence East along the Southernmost line one hundred and twenty pole to a marked oak of the said Marshalls finally dower the said Marshall's line to the first stacon with all houses, out houses and tobacco houses with all timber and timber trees with all wayes, water and watercourses with all orchards, fences and gardens thereon with all privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents issues and profits and all the Estate right, title property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the seaid Francis Wright and John Wright to the same and every part and every part & parcel thereof. To Have and to hold all and singular the tract and parcel of land and premises and every part & parcel thereof hereby bargained and sold or mentioned or intended to be hereby bargained and sold unto the said Thomas Robins his heirs and assigns forever from the day of the date hereof for and during and until the full end and term of one whole year next ensuing - Yielding and paying therefore the rent of one Ear of indian Corn on the feast day of the birth of our blessed Savior if the same shall be lawfully demanded to the end intent and purpose by virtue of these presents and of the Statute for transferring uses into possessions the said Thomas Robins may be in the actual possessions of the premises & thereby enabled to accept a grant of the reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs forever. In witness whereof the parties abovementioned hath interchangably sett their hands and seals the day and year above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed & deli-	)	Francis Wright
vered in presence of	)	John Wright
Nath: Pope)	
Jos. Belfield)	

Westmorld: S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 23d day of Febr'y 1708

Francis and John Wright Gentl personally appeared and acknowledged the within writing or lease of land to Thomas Robins to be their proper act and deed to be and enure to the use therein contained.

Test
Ja: Westcomb Cler. Com Pe'd

Recordatz 28" die Febr'y pre'd

This Indenture made the twenty second day of February one thousand seven hundred and Eight and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople parish n the County of Westmoreld Gentl. of the one part and Thomas Robins of Washington Parish in the said County planter of the other party Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and John Wright for and in consideration of one thousand pounds of good tobacco in hand paid them by the said Thomas Robins at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which they do own and therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and therefrom and every part and parcel thereof do acquitt, exonerate and discharge the said Thomas Robins his heirs Executors &c. Have given granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give grant, bargain, alien, and sell, remise, release and forever confirm unto the said Thomas Robins and his heirs the said Thomas Robins being in the actual possession thereof by virtue of a lease made of the same bearing date the day before the date of these presents and statute for transferring uses into possession all that two hundred acres of land situate in Washington Parish in the County aforesaid which the said Francis Wright and Ann his wife then sole owner of the said land sold to William Booth decd. and recd. a consideration for the same but the said Ann dying before the same was legally conveyed the said William Booth had not any right to the same and now is the proper Estate of the said John Wright son and heir to the said Ann the said two hundred acres of land beginning at a corner marked hickory of the land of Thomas Marshall and extending East twenty pole to a red oak then North ninety two poles to a marked red oak, thence West one hundred and forty poles to a black oak standing in the Westernmost line of the patent, then South up the said line to a corner mark't chestnutt tree Eighty poles, thence East along the Southermost line one hundred and twenty pole to a marked oak of the the said Marshall's finally down the said Marshall's line to the first stacon and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders thereof, rents issues and profits of all and singular the before mentioned premises and every part and parcel thereof and also all the Estate, right, title, property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright them and either of them of in and to the said hundred acres of land and every part and parcel thereof or in any wise appertaining, and all deeds, evidences, receipts and minements whatsoever touching the premises alone or any part or parcel thereof. To Have and to Hold the said the said right, title, property, claim and demand of, in and to the said land and premises to them the said Francis Wright and John Wright or either of them of in and to the said land and premises hereby granted, bargained and sold, remised, released and confirmed or mentioned or intended to be hereby released, remised and confirmed, together with all privileges and appurtenances, with all woods ways, waters and watercourses with all timber, & timber trees, with all houses, outhouses and tobacco houses gardens, fences and orchards thereon unto the said Thomas Robins and his heirs forever to the only proper sole use and behoof of him the said Thomas

Robins his heirs and assigns forevermore. To be holden of the chief Lord or Lords of the fee by the rents and services due and accustomed to be paid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves their heirs &c. doth promise, covenant and agree to and with the said Thomas Robins his heirs &c. that the before granted premises is free and clear from all incumbrances and will warrant and forever defend the same lands and premises to the end the said Thomas Robins and his heirs may quietly and peaceably hold occupy, possess and enjoy the same from the just claim of any person whatsoever. And further do covenant, promise and agree to do, suffer and execute all and every such further act and acts thing and things, device and devices conveyance and conveyances as the said Thomas Robins or his counsel learned in the law shall advise or devise for the sure making and conveying this said land and premises at any time within ten years next ensuing provided that the said Francis Wright & John Wright or either of them are not compelled to travel above thirty miles from their own houses to perform the same and that the same be done at the proper costs and charges of the said Thomas Robins and his heirs and do further covenant at some Court to be held for the said County within six months ensuing to appear & acknowledge the sale to the said Thomas Robins and his heirs to the end the same may be recorded. In witness whereof the parties to these presents hath interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day & year first mentioned.

Francis Wright
John Wright

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the
presence of N. Pope, Jos Belfield

Westmord: S.S.)

At a Court held for the said County the 23d day of Febr'y 1708.

Francis Wright and John Wright, Gentl. personally appeared and each of them acknowledged this present release of land to Thomas Robins to be their proper act and deed and the land and premises thereby mentioned to be conveyed to the said Thomas Robins to be the just right and inheritance of him the said Thomas Robins his heirs and assigns forever.

Test Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Pe'd

Recordatz 28^o die Febr'y pred(?)

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um"

On October 7, 1709, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/153, Francis Wright and John Wright sold to John Washington 171½ acres of land in Richmond

County by a deed of lease and release:

"This Indenture made the seventh day of October one thousand seven hundred & nine and in the Eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople pish in Westmorland County Gent of the one part and John Washington of the pish of Washington in the said County late of Stafford County Gent: of the other parte Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright & John Wright for and in Consideration of five Shillings of English money in hand paid then by the said Francis Wright & John Wright at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Francis and John doe acknowledge and therefrom doe acquitt Exonerate & discharge the said John Washington his heirs and every part and parcell thereof have given granted bargained & Sold and do by these presents give grant bargain & sell unto the said John Washington all that peice or parcell of land Containing one hundred and Seaventy one & halfe acres Scituate lying & being in Saint Marys pish in the County of Richmond and beginning att a Stake standing near a Small markt red oak Saplin & runing from thence north one hundred twenty eight pole deviding this land from the land of John Piper decd to the line of Thomas Marshall deced thence west two degrees Southerly along the line of the said Marshall and Thomas Robins one hundred & Seventy poles to a markt. Chesnutt tree being Corner to the said Robins thence north one hundred seventy six poles along another line of the said Robins thence west twenty poles to the Corner tree of Majr: Francis Thornton thence South along his line three hundred pole to a Stake standing in the line of John Willis Senr. thence East one hundred and ninety pole along the said Willis his line to the place where it began with all houses, outhouses, & Tobacco houses, Edifices, buildings, Gardens, orchards, fences, Woods, & under woods, ways, water, water Courses, priviledges & Comodities whatsoever to the said tract or parcill of land tenements Messuage heriditaments & all and Singular the premisses aforesaid and to every part & parcill thereof belonging or in any ways appertaining and the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders rents Ishews & profitts thereof and all the estate right title benefitt property Claims & Demands whatsoever of him the said Francis Wright & John Wright of in & to the same and of in and to every part & percill thereof to have and to hold all and Singular the tract and parcill of land and premisses and every part & parcill thereof aforesaid hereby bargained sold or mentioned or Intended to be hereby bargained & Sold unto the said John Washington his heirs & assignes forever from the day of the Date hereof for and dureing and untill the full end & term of one whole year thence next Ensueing & fully to be Compleated and Ended yeilding and paying therefore the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn on ye first day of the Birth of our Lord God next Insuing if the same shall lawfully be demanded to the end Intent and purpose that by virtue of these presents of the Stattute for transferring uses and possessions the said John Washington may be in the actuall possession of the said premisses and be thereby Inabled to accept a grant of ye reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Francis Wright and John Wright hath sett their hands & fixt their the day & month and year above mentioned

Signed Sealed & deld.
in the Presents of
John Champe
Jos: Belfield
Nath: Pope

Fras Wright
John Wright

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2, 1709

Daniell Mccarty Gent. by vertue of a power of attorney from Francis Wright and John Wright to him in that behalf made acknowledged this deed for land unto John Washington Gent: Whereupon at the motion of Nathll: Pope in behalf of the said Washington it was admitted to Record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur

Examined p M: Beckwith

Wee doe hereby Impower Danll: Mccarty our attorney to acknowledge these presents in Richmond County Court unto the said John Washington and his heirs rattyfying & Confirming the same to all Intents & purposes as though wee were psonally present wittness our hands & Seales this 26th October 1709

Test
Nathll: Pope
John Champe
Jos: Belfield

Fra: Wright
John Wright

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2' 1709

This power of attorney was proved by the oathes of the Witnesses to it and it was admitted to record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur

Examined p M Beckwith Cl Cur

This Indenture made the eight daye of October one thousand Seven hundred & nine and in the eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady And by the grace of God of Great Brittain france & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople pish in the County of Westmorland Gent of the one partt and John Washington of Washington pish in the said County late of Stafford County Gent: of the other part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and John Wright for and in Consideration of eight thousand pounds of good Tobacco in hand paid them by the said John Washington at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt

whereof the said Francis & John Wright do owne and therewith fully satisfied Contented & paid and from every part & parcell thereof doe acquitt & discharge the said John Washington his Executors &c have given granted bargained & sold and do by these presents fully & Clearly give grant bargain sell allien enfeoff & Confirme remise and Release unto the said John Washington & his heirs the said John Washington being in the actuall possession thereof by vertue of a Lease made thereof bearing date one day before the date of these presents and of the Statute for transferring uses into possessions all that peice or parsell of land Containing one hundred seventy one & halfe acres of land Scituate part in Richmond County and part in Westmorland County beginning in St. Marys pish in the County of Richmond at a stake standing nigh a small red oak Saplin and moving from thence north one hundred twenty eight poles deviding this land from the land of John Piper deced to the line of Thomas Marshall deced thence west two degrees Southerly along the line of the sd Marshalls and Thomas Robins one hundred and twenty poles to a markt Chesnutt tree being Corner to the said Robins thence north one hundred seventy six poles along another line of the said Robins thence west twenty poles to the Corner tree of Major Francis Thornton thence South along his line three hundred poles to a Stake Standing in the line of John Willis Senr. thence East one hundred & ninety poles along the said Willises line to the place where it began, And the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders thereof rents issues and profitts and all and Singular the before mentioned premisses and every part and parsell thereof, and also all the estate right title property Claime & demand whatsoever of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright to the same & every part and parcell thereof belonging or in any wayes appertaining and all deeds wrightings Evidences Receipts and menaments whatsoever touching the premisses alone and Every part & parcell thereof to have and to hold the said right title property Clayme & demand whatsoever of in and to the said land & premisses and every part thereof of them the sd. Francis Wright and John Wright together with all woods ways waters and water Courses with all houses out houses and Tobacco houses with all timber and timber trees wth: all orchards fences and Gardens thereon hereby bargained & sold and every part and parcell thereof or menconed or intended to be hereby granted bargained & Sold with every their appurtenances and priviledges to the said John Washington and his heirs forever to the only proper sole use and behoof of him the said John Washington his heirs and assignes forevermore to be holden of the Cheif Lord or Lords of the fee by the rents and Services due and accustomed to be paid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves their heirs &c doe Covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Washington his heirs &c that the before granted premisses is free & Clear from all and every Incumberance & Incumberances whatsoever and the same doe warrant & forever defend from the Just Clames of all psons whatsoever unto the said John Washington & his heirs forever to the end the said John Washington & his heirs shall peaceably and quietly possess the same and doe further Covenant promise & agree to make and Execute all such further act and acts devise & devises assurance & assurances for the further and better sure makeing & Conveying the said land and premisses as the said John Washington & his heirs or any of them or any of their learned Councill in the law shall advise

or devise soe that the same shall be done at the proper Cost of the said John Washington his heirs &c and Lastly doe Covenant that any Court held for Richmond County within six months ensuing the date hereof the said Francis and John Wright in pson or by power of attorney will acknowledge these presents to the end the same may recorded In Witness whereof the partyes aforementioned hath Interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid

Signed Sealed delivered
in the presents of
Nath: Pope
John Champe

Fra: Wright
John Wright

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2d 1709 Daniell Mccarty Gent: by virtue of a power of attorney from Francis Wright and John Wright to him in that behalf made acknowledged this deed for land unto John Washington Gent Whereupon at the motion of Nathaniell Pope in behalf of the said Washington it was admitted to record

Test
Beckwith CI Cur

Examined p M: Beckwith CI Cur"

On August 30, 1711, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 7/230, Francis Wright quitclaimed to Francis Spencer 900 acres of land which had been formerly sold by Francis Wright's father Richard Wright to Nicholas Spencer and in which Francis Wright's mother Ann (Mottram) Wright had not properly joined:

"This Indenture made this 30th day of August in the yeare of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eleven Between Francis Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmorland on the One part and Francis Spencer of the pish and County aforesaid on the Other part Witnesseth that Whereas Richard Wright father of the aforesaid Wright formerly (to Witt) the 18th day of August in the Yeare of Our Lord 1662 sold and Conveyed Over unto Nicholas Spencer esqr father of the aforesaid Francis Spencer a certaine tract of Land lying scituate on Nomony bay Containing Nine hundred acres of land more or less contained in Certaine bounds in the said Deed menconed which said Land was the Just right and inheritance of Ann the daughter of Coll John Mottrom and Wife of the said Richard and Mother of the said Francis Wright and forasmuch as the said Ann did not Joyne in the said sale nor was any party to the said deed nor did not pass her right in the said land as the law requires and that by meanes thereof the same is descended & come to the aforesaid Francis Wright as heir at Law to his mother therefore he the said Francis Wright as well for and in consideracon of the sum of Seven thousand pounds of good sound merchantable Tobacco in Cask to him in hand by the said Francis Spencer

already paid and satisfied the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and from every part and parcell thereof he doth acquitt exonerate and forever discharge the said Francis Spencer his heires executors admrs and assigns as alsoe for diverse Other good Causes and Consideracons him the said Francis Wright thereunto especially moveing hath given granted bargained and sold aliened assigned enfeofft remised released and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully Clearly Amply and absolutely give grant bargain sell Alien Assign enfeoff transferr remise release make Over and Confirm unto the said Francis Spencer the same in his actual possession now being all that his the said Francis Wright his right and tittle of in and to the aforesaid tract of land Containing nine hundred acres be the same more or less being bounded as by the said parties to these prsents is now concluded Confirmed and agreed on (Vizt) Begining at a marked white Oake standing on the maine branch of King Copssco Pond at the head thereof by the road side that that leads from the house of the said Wright to the said Spencers running thence a streight Course to a marked red Oake standing by a swamp or branch that issueth out of Armsbys creek and near the now dwelling house of Samll Chamberlin and thence down the said swamp cove and creek to the head line of the whole dividend of land of the aforesaid Wright or Mattrom thence along the said head line and the water Courses of nominy Bay to the mouth of King Copssco Pond and up the said Pond according to the meanders thereof to the first menconed beginning White Oake together with the revercon and revercons remainder and remainders with the rents issues and profitts of the prmises and of every part and parcell thereof To Have and to Hold the aforesaid land and premisses with their and every of their appurtenances according to the meets and bounds aforemenconed together with all woods underwoods wayes water Courses orchards fences priviledges and conveniences hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same the said land and prmises belonging and in any wayes appertaining unto the said Francis Spencer his heires Executrs admrs and assigns forever free and Clear and freely and Clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged of and from all former and Other gifts grants bargaines sales Joyntures dower titles of dower morgages Judgments extents execucons and encumbrances whatsoever heretofore had made Comitted or done or suffered to be had made Comitted or done by the said Francis Wright or any Other whatsoever Claimeing or pretending to Claime by from or under him the said Francis Wright his heires &c: and the said Francis Wright for himself his heires &c doth Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Francis Spencer his heires &c that he the said Francis Wright his heires &c: shall and Will in due form of law acknowledge these prsents in Westmorlde County Court (the Justices then sitting within six months from and after the date hereof to the end the same may be enrolled and alsoe that he the said Francis Wright his heires &c shall and Will when thereunto required by the said Francis Spencer his heires &c and at the proper costs and charges in the law of him the said Francis Spencer his heires &c make doe execute signe seale and acknowledge all and every such further & other deed or conveyances and assureances in the law for the better more sure and safe conveying and Confirming the aforesaid bargained and sold land and prmises unto the aforesaid Francis Spencer his heires &c as

by him the said Francis Spencer his heires &c or by his or their Council learned in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required In Testimony the aforesaid parties to these presents hath interchangeably hereunto sett their hands and affixed their seales the day and year first above Written, Memorandum (the words the same in his actual possession now being on the eighteenth line was interlined before sealed & signed Frances Wright sealed and delivered in presence of D McCarty Nath Pope - Westmld SC At a Court held for the said County the 29th day of August 1711 Francis Wright gentl: the above subscriber personally came into Court and acknowledged the above instrument to be his proper act and deed and the lands and prmisses therein menconed to be conveyed to Francis Spencer gentl: to be the Just right and inheritance of him the said Francis Spencer his heires and assignes forever.

Test.

Tho: Sorrell Depty Clu Comp'd

Recordate sexto die Septembris 1711

Pr Eundm Cluum"

This record confirms the identification of Francis Wright as the son of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and Ann (Mottram) Wright.

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on June 25, 1712, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1705-1721/185, Francis Wright was again appointed Sheriff of Westmoreland County:

"At A Court held for the sd. County the 25th day of June 1712

....

ffrancis Wright gentl: produced into Court a Commission from under the hand of Alexr Spotswood Esqr her Majties Lieut: Governr of Virga appointing him Shriff of Westm'd County dureing her Majties pleasure. And haveing first Entered into bond According to Law for his faithfull management of the office of Sheriff he took the oath of Sheriff of the County aforesaid accordingly"

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also stated that on November 27 1712, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1705-1721/200, Francis Wright was appointed to collected the county levy:

"Upon Mocon of ffrancis Wright, gentl. Shriff of this county the collecon of the sd County Levy for this present year is granted him. Major Henry Ashton and Mr John Chilton assumeing to be his Securities for his due & true payment of the same according to proporcon. And it is ordered that each Tythable person in this

County doe pay him the Sum of thirty pounds of Tobo, and in case of their Refusall, that he make distress as the Law directs. And that he pay each Creditor in the aforesaid County his just Share & proporcon as the same is raised and Levyed on his behalfe."

"The Washington Wright Connection And Some Descendants Of Major Francis And Anne (Washington) Wright", by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also stated that on June 24, 1713, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1705-1721/216, Martha Wright petitioned for appointment as administrator of the estate of Francis Wright:

"Mrs. Martha Wright, Relict of ffrancis Wright gentl. dec'd came into Court & made oath that the said ffrancis departed this Life without makeing any Will soe farr as Shee Knowes or believes. And on her Mocon certifycate is granted her for obtaining Letters of admicon on the said dec'd's Estate in due form. John Bushrod, Richard Kenner and ffrancis Spencer assumeing in Court to be Security for her due Administracon thereon. And She ordered to return an Inventory of the said Estate to the next Court. It is alsoe entered that John Awbrey, William Chandler, Danll Tebbs and ffrancis Attwell or any three of them being first Sworn by one of her Majies for the said County doe some time before next Court value & appraise the said Estate and make report thereof to the next Court."

This record indicates that Francis Wright had died before June 24, 1713, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

On August 7, 1713, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/200, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Francis Wright dated on June 24, 1713, was filed:

"Westmorl ss

In obedience to an order of Court bearing date June the 24th day 1713, Wee the appraisers being first sworn before Majr. Henry Ashton one of her Majties Justices for the county above said to vallue and appraise the estate of Majr. Francis Wright Gentl: decd. Vizt.

	£	S	0
Jack a Negro man £30	60.	0.	0
Frank a negroe woman 30.	22.	0.	0
Tom a mulatto boy Slave 6	1.	15.	0
Betty a negro woman old 16	6.	0	
To 3 brass kettles great & small & some other brass	2.	2.	0
To 1 bell mettle skillett	1.	4.	8
To 72 lb of good pewter	3.	0	
To 72 lb of pewter old	8.	0	
To 1 old warming pann	0.	3.	0
To 2 Iron Spitts			
To a parcell of old tinn			

To 4 Iron potts great & small	1. 10.	0
To 2 flesh forks a pr. of fire		
tongs one old ladle	0. 6.	0
To 46 head of sheep at		
6d p each	13. 16.	0
To 3 steares & 1 bull	8. 10.	0
To 9 head of young Cattle	6. 15.	0
To 2 feather beds in 1 bed		
stead & furniture	8. 0	0
To 8 old turkey work chaires	1. 0.	0
To a small bed & bedstead		
old	1. 15.	0
To 6 gunns good & bad	3. 0.	0
To 3 pr. of Sheep shears 2		
old frying pannels 2 old box		
irons 1 grid iron & chaffing		
dish 1 pott & rack 1 Iron		
pestle	1. 0.	0
To a pcell of earthen dishes		
& a great jugg	0. 10.	0
To 13 milk fanns & a pcell		
of wooden ware as failes		
piggons & Canns	1. 3.	0
To 13 old Silver Spoones	3. 18.	0
To a pcell of old books &		
old lumber besides	2. 10.	0
To 2 old chests	0. 15	0
To a pcell of Woll Qty.		
unknown	1. 00.	0
To a cross cutt saw & adz		
and broad axe broak	0. 8.	0
In Mrs. Wrights Chamber		
To 1 bed & furniture	6. 0.	0
To 1 old Cupboard & Couch		
1 table one chaire	2. 0.	0
To 6 old leather chaires		
2 old turkey work chaires	0. 14.	0
To a pcell of old table		
linnen & one old cushing	1. 10.	0
To a cold still	0. 15.	0
	10. 19.	0

Danll. Tibbs
Wm. Chandler
John Awbrey

Account of what things forgott and out of the way at the praisement which is as followes vizt.

To the brasses of old and Irons To 1 brass Candlestick
To Tobo. made use of towards the cloathing myself & family 1792
To a 3 yr. old heifer received since the praisement for debt
To 3200 hhds Staves brought to the landing
To some Virginia cloath made use of for my family
To my riding horse

p Martha Wright

July the 29th 1713 - Return'd into Court and Recorded the 7th of August 1713

Pr. Tho Sorrell DCCW

Suplementall Inventory &c Two hhds Tobo ship't on board the Biddeford Mercht.
Capt. Collins bills lading taken in Mr. Jno. Wrights name p Capt Jno. Bushrod a
plow & plow chaine & 3 lights of glass"

Westmoreland County, Virginia, Order Book, 1712-1714, by Ruth & Sam

Sparacio, stated that on April 1, 1714, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1712-1714/238, the following orders were filed regarding John Howell and his wife Martha Howell in her role as administratrix of the estate of Francis Wright:

"Nicolls v Wright's Admr. Judgment is granted to Thomas Nicolls against John Howell and Martha his Wife, Administratrix of the goods and chattels that were of Francis Wright, Gent., deced., for the sum of eight hundred ninety one pounds of tobacco due by Account proved by his Oath, ordered they pay the same with costs als Execution.

Attwell's Exrx. v Wright's Admr. Judgment is granted Elizabeth Attwell, Executrix of John Attwell, deced., against John Howell and Martha his Wife, Administratrix of the goods and chattels that were of Francis Wright, Gent., deced., for the sum of six hundred seventy four pounds of tobacco due by Account, Elizabeth haveing made Oath that she had not received any part thereof nor any other person to her knowledge, ordered John and Martha pay the same with costs als Execution

Erwin v Wright's Admr. Judgment is granted John Erwin against John Howell and Martha his Wife, Administratrix of the goods and chattels that were of Francis Wright, Gent., deced., for the sum of nine hundred thirty three pounds and one half pound of tobacco due by Account prove by his Oath, ordered they pay the same with costs als Execution"

These records indicate that Martha (____) Wright had married John Howell before April

1, 1714.

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Martha Wright, widow of Francis Wright, and John Howell between August 7, 1713, and April 1, 1714:

“Howell, John & Wright, Martha (wid.); bet. 7 Aug 1713 - 1 Apr 1714; bride was the admx. of Maj. Francis Wright; (WC DW 5:200; OB 1705-21:236a, 310, 378a)”

On August 27, 1723, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B 7/292, John Wright exchanged 800 acres of his land in on Machotique River in Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, for 1000 acres of land owned by Henry Lee in Stafford County and in the legal description of the 800 acres John Wright excepted from the exchange 1/2 acre of land where his father Francis Wright was buried:

"This Indenture made the twenty seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three. . . . Between John Wright of the County of Westmorl in Virginia gentleman of the One part and Henry Lee of the County of Westmorl aforesaid gentleman of the Other part Witnesseth that the said John Wright for and in consideracon of the Exchange for One thousand acres of land in Stafford County scituate lying and being on Powells run whereon the said Henry Lee hath now a plantacon or quarter have granted unto the said Henry Lee One tract of land in Cople parish in the aforesaid County of Westmorl and on the mouth of lower Machotique river Containing by estimacon eight hundred acres be the same mor or less being part of a pattent of land formerly granted to Mr John Mottrom by pattent bearing date the thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord sixteen hundred and fifty and since by several mean Conveyances or decents become the proper right and inheritance of the said John Wright and is the plantacon and tract of land whereon he now lives (excepting one half acre of the said land being the grave yard on the manour plantacon where Majr Francis Wright father of the said John is buried as also One other part of the said dividend of land Known by the name of time Neck which the said John Wright hath allready given to his brother Richard Wright by deeds bearing date the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fourteen which said deeds are recorded in the County Court records of Westmorland"

This record indicates that Francis Wright was buried near the Machotique River [Machodoc Creek] in Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia, and that 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County had a son Richard Wright in addition to his son John Wright.

On August 9, 1744, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 10/151, in the

suit of Wright's Guardian vs. Lee, John Kennedy gave his deposition regarding the family of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County:

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Guardian and Lee)

John Kennedy aged forty six years being first sworn saith that fifteen years ago he was overseer for Colo. Henry Lee at the plantation where John Wright formerly did live very near to the land in dispute, that when he first Come to be overseer for Colo. Lee he had occasion for board timber and as he was unacquainted with the lines he applied himself to John Howell (who had intermarried with the mother of Richard Wright and with whom the said Richard Wright then lived being a boy and under the Care of the said Howel) to shew him where to get the said boards that he might not commit a trespass upon any of the neighbours lands and the said Howel directed him to come to a place near the head of Barrs Creeke where he would find a parcel of rich well timbered land close by and adjoining to the place where John Rice a witness in the suit had cut down trees and further told him that he had once forewarned the said John Rice from Clearing the said Ground telling him that he thought it would be of Great Service to Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) But that in some short time afterwards going that way the said Howell had desired to see where the line run and after he found out which way the line went he said he was glad he had forewarned the said Rice for that had the said Rice gone on he would have Cleared upon Colo Lees land and this deponant further saith that about a year or two after this happened one Gerrard Davis who had intermarried with a sister of the said Richard Wright Came to the house of this deponant in Company with the said Richard Wright and thier the said Gerrard Davis in the hearing of this deponant perswaded the said Richard Wright to sue Colo. Lee for more land for that he'd engage the said Wright might recover to Colo. Motrams Back line which this deponant understood to be meant the line runs by the Plff in this survey and in a short time after this the above named John Howell and this deponant were standing for Deer and he this deponant Informed the said Howell of the discourse which he had heard at his house between the said Davis and the said Richard Wright whereupon the said Howell said to this deponant that Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) had better let alone suing the said Lee for if he sued Colo. Lee says he in my life time I shall surely be an evidence against him for as I go along with you home I'll shew you his and Corner (meaning of the said Richard Wright) whereupon they presently after went together to the three triangular trees to which the surveyor in running from the maple for the defendants Survey Came and this deponant and the said Howell standing by the said triangular trees the said Howel pointing to the said Maple and Cove below it told this deponant Wrights lines come from that cove to the maple and from thence to there triangular trees for they are one of Dickies corners (meaning the said Wright and the said Howell farther told this deponant at that time that he had marked these three trees by order of John Wright brother to the said Richard

Wright and in his presence and further told this deponant that his other line run from these trees to a point opposite to the mouth of Barrs Creeke and this deponant who lived Eight years in the neighbourhood of the land in Controversy has since several times gone along the said line and has seen old marked line trees all along the said line unless it such parts of the same as have been destroyed by Catterpillars which said line is the same which was run by Colo Henry Lee from a marked white oak upon the bank of the mouth of Barrs Creeke to the said three triangular trees in a reversed course and this deponant was farther told by the said Howell that he the said Howell had formerly lived as a domestick with Major Wright Father of John Wright and that those triangular trees were always in the life time of the said Major Wright and also of his Son John Wright reconed to stand in Colo Motrams Back line till such time as Colo Lee bought the land of the said John Wright and recovered as far as Kurs Tobacco Ground near to the line run by the plff for Motrams Back line which the said Howell told him had ever since been Reckoned Motrams back line and this deponant farther saith that about eleven years ago he became a tennant to the said Richard Wright and lived upon the land now in Controversy between his the said Wrights heir and the said Colo Lee for the space of three Years & in that time the said land was processioned and this deponant saith that he applied to the said Richard Wright to shew him the lines of the said land against the time the processioners should come whereupon the said Wright told this deponant that he would get the above named Howell to shew the lines to the said processioners telling this deponant that the said Howell was best acquainted with the bounds of the said land for that he (meaning the said Howell) was the person who was along with his brother John Wright when he laid of the land for the said Richard and had marked the lines after the said John Wright and this deponant farther saith that the said processioners afterwards in the presence of this deponant did procession the lines and by the defendant in this survey for the bounds of the said Richard Wrights lands and farther saith not - "John Kennedy" The above deposition was sworn to before me - "Edward Ransdill, August 9th 1744

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At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of John Kennedy's in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is admitted to record

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Geo: Lee CWC

This record indicates that the widow of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County had remarried after his death to John Howell and that 1713 Francis Wright had the following children:

- 1) John Wright,
- 2) Ann (Wright) Davis, wife of Gerrard Davis, and
- 3) Richard Wright.

The deposition of Thomas Riddle in that same case confirms some of these relationships and testified that Mrs. Howell had said that Francis Wright had requested on his death bed that John Wright make the gift of land to his brother Richard Wright and that John Wright thereafter made the gift of land to his brother Richard Wright only because she gave up any claim to the great house of Francis Wright:

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Wrights Guardian and Lee)

Thomas Riddle aged upwards of forty two years being first sworn saith that about nineteen years ago when he had lived as a domestick with John Howell for two years before the said Howell and this deponant were one day standing for deer and amongst other discourse the said Howell then told this deponant that he would shew him the bounds of Dickie Wrights land which his brother John Wright had given him by deed at which time the said Richard Wright was a boy under the Care of the said Howell who was father in law to the said Wright and having first shewn him the water bounds thereof he the said Howell went afterwards with this deponant to the maple Corner of the bounds of the said land noted in the survey or platt from which maple the said deponant was shewn a line of marked trees by the said Howell which run to three triangular oaks shewed as a Corner to the said Richard Wrights land by the deft Colo Lee in the survey and this deponant farther saith that when the said Howell in Company of this deponant Come to the said three trees the said Howell told him that he himself had marked the said three trees as a corner of Richard Wrights land by the order and in the presence of the said John Wright and at the same time the said Howell desired this deponant to take particular notice of the said three trees lest there should hereafter be any dispute about them and from the said three trees the said Howell pointed towards Barr's Creeke and told this deponant that from those three trees there went aline of marked trees down to Barrs Creeke which in like manner the said Howell told this deponant he had marked by the consent and in the presence of John Wright above mentioned and the said Howell affirmed to this deponant that these woodland were the bounds of Richard Wrights land which had been given him by his said Brother John Wright and this deponant farther saith that about ten years after this at which time the said Howell lived upon part of the land belonging to the said Richard Wright adjoining to the land in dispute the said Howell shewed this deponant the end of the line last mentioned from the three trees where it run into Barrs Creeke by a great pine standing upon the bank opposite to the mouth of the said Barrs Creeke to which the defendant in surveying the lines of the said Richard Wrights deed in this survey Came and this deponant farther saith when examined on behalf of the plff

that Mrs. Howell mother of the said Richard Wright told this deponant that Major Wright on his death Bed desired his son John Wright to gave Hazelriggs plantation to his Brother Richard and farther told this deponant that she believes the said John Wright would never have done it had not been on account of her relinquishing to him the great house and farther the said John Howell told this deponant that he believed there was not above 100 acres of the land given hiim by the said deed & further saith not Thos. Riddall

The above deposition was sworn to before me Edward Ransdell Augt. 9th 1744.
. . . ."

Historical Southern Families, by John Bennett Boddie and published in 1957, listed the following in an article titled "Lovell Family of Westmoreland with Allied Families of Harrison and Footman" by Oliver Harold Carper:

"John Footman, Jr., b ante 1685, d. November 1739, married 3 times: 1 - Ca 1703-5 Martha Cox, daughter of Vincent Cox, Sr. and wife Mary (Orders June 20, 1700, p. 64; Orders Jan. 23, 1712, p. 203; Orders June 24, 1724, p. 71a; Orders Mar. 25, 1730, p. 346a);"

However, an examination of the orders cited provided no evidence to support this identification and the maiden name of Martha (____) (Wright) Howell has not as yet been ascertained.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Francis Wright and his first wife Anne (Washington) Wright were the following:

- 1) John Wright, born after March 11, 1677/78, and probably before August 20, 1682, and before September 5, 1684, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and
- 2) ____ Wright, born after March 11, 1677/78, and before March 11, 1697/98, and

the children of Francis Wright and his second wife Martha (____) (Wright) Howell were the following:

- 1) Ann (Wright) Davis, and
- 2) Richard Wright, born before September 22, 1714.

1. 1729/30 John Wright Of Stafford County, His Wife Dorothy ()
Wright, And His Descendants

1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County was a son of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Anne (Washington) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³)

The will of Lawrence Washington was dated on March 11, 1697/98, probated on March 30, 1698, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/133, and provided for a bequest to the children of his sister Anne Wright:

"In the name of God amen, I, Lawrence Washington, of Washington Parish in the County of Westmoreland in Virginia, Gentleman, . . . doe make constitute; ordain & declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

. . . .

Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister Anne Writts children, One man Servent a piece of four or five years to serve, or Three Thousand pounds of Tobacco to purchase the same, to be delivered or paid to them when they arrive to the age of Twenty-years old.

. . . ."

This record indicates that Anne (Washington) Wright's had more than one child and that those children were born after March 11, 1677/78, and before March 11, 1697/98.

On September 5, 1705, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/11A, John Wright of Westmoreland County sold to Francis Thornton 1000 acres of land that had been part of a patent granted to John Washington in 1664:

"To all Christian people to whome these presents shall come I John Wright of the County of Westmoreland Gent Send greeting in our Lord God Everlasting this fifth day of September in the yeare of our lord 1705 Now know yee that I the Said John Wright for and in Consideration of the Sume of two hundred and fifty pounds sterl by Francis Thornton in hand paid before the Ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part & parcell do by these presents acquitt Exonerate and discharge the Said Francis Thornton his Exrs and Assignes hath given Granted Bargained Sole Enfeofed & Confirmd and by these presents doth fully Clearly and absolutely give grant bargain Sell alien Enfeoff and Confirme unto the Said Francis Thornton his heires and assignes for ever one Messuage Tenement or Tract of Land Containeing one Thousand acres being part of a patent formerly granted to Maj: John Washington for Seventeen hundred acres of Land dated the first of June Ano Domini 1664 the said one Thousand acres of Land begining att the Eastermost side of the Land that was Sold to William Streake out of the Said patent and west to Wm. Williss's thence Running North a Straight Course to the Back line of the said patent thence west and along the Severall Courses of the

said patent till It comes to the Land that did belong to Stark and now in the possession of John Hansfed(?) and Thomas Tippitt thence along the Said Land four hundred and nine poles Including the plantation Called and known by the name of Andrew Harrisons plantation Including the Just Summe and Quantity of one Thousand acres of Land together with all It's Rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the Said messuage & Tenement or tract and premisses or to any part or parcell thereof belonging or in any ways appertaining together wth all houses buildings Orchards gardens lands tenements meadows pastures woods underwoods ways profitts hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever all which Said Tract of Land and every part of the sd Rights and appurtenances before in and by these presents mentioned or Intended to be granted are Scituate Lying and being within the parish of St. Maryes in the County of Richmond To have and to hold the Said Tract of Land hereby Granted bargained and Sold wth all the appurtenances to him the Said Francis Thornton his heires and assignes to the onely proper use and behoofe of him the said Francis Thornton his heires and assignes forever, and I the Said John Wright do for my Selfe my heires Execrs: and Admrs: the Said messuage & tenement or tract of Land before granted bargained and Sold wth: the appurtenances to him the Said Francis Thornton his heires and assignes for ever Shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents from the Clayme or Claymes of any person or persons whatsoever, and that it is freely and Clearly acquitted Exonerated and discharged of and from all manner of other gifts grants bargaines Sales Leases Mortgages Joynters Leases Judgments and Executions and of and from all and Singular other trouble suits Charges demands & Incumbrances whatsoever and further I the said John Wright by these presents Covenant and promiss for my Selfe my heirs Exrs admrs. that the said Francis Thornton his heires and assignes and every of them shall and may by Virtue and force of these presents from time to time and att all time for ever hereafter Lawfully peaceably and Quietly have hold use occupy possess and Enjoy the said messuage tenement or tract of Land with all the appurtenances to his or their only proper use and behoofe for ever without any Lett suit trouble or disturbance of the Said John Wright his heires Exectrs: or admrs: or by his Consent or procurement or by any other person or persons whatsoever and the said John Wright for himself his heirs Exrs Admrs Covenant promise grant & agree to and with the said Francis Thornton his heires and Assignes and every of them by these presents in manner and form following that is to Say that he the Said John Wright att the time of the Ensealing and delivery of these presents is _____ a good pure perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance of all and Singular the before granted premisses and every part thereof Shall be fully vested settled and Executed in and upon the said Francis Thornton and his heires according to the true meaning of these presents Shall Remaine Continue and Reserved of and in the Said messuage tenement or tract of Land and all and Singular other the premisses in and by these presents Granted Bargained & Sold wth: all and every their Rights members and appurtenances of a Good pure perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple wth:out any Condition Reversion Remainder or Limitation of any use or uses Estate or Estates in or to any person or persons whatsoever to alter Chang or Defeat Determine or make Voyd the

same and that the said John Wright att the time of Ensealing and delivery of these presents hath full power Good Right and Lawfull authority to grant bargain Sell and Convey all and Singular the before hereby granted or mentioned to be granted premisses wth: these and every of their appurtenances unto the said Francis Thornton his heires and Assignes in manner and forme aforesaid and further I the sd John Wright do by these presents oblige my Self my heire Exectrs and admrs to Lay out the Said one Thousand acres of Land and mark the bounds so that the said parcell of Land may have the full breadth of the patent where it bindes upon the Land that was Sold to William Freal aforesd (that is to say) foure hundred and Nine poles when ever the said Francis Thornton his heires or assignes shall desire the same to be done In Wittness whereof and to the true and well performance of all and every the articles in and to this present writing mentioned or Intended have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first to these presents mentioned

Signed Sealed and delivered John Wright
in the presence of us
George Taylor
Alexa Doniphan

Acknowledged in Richmond County Court by the within named Jno wright the 5th day of Sepr an D: 1705 and Recorded the 11th day of the Same month in the yeare aforesd, wth acknowledgmt Wm. Thornton Son of the Said Francis Thornton on the behalf of his said father att the time aforesd did Revive

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To all to whome these presents shall come Know ye that I Francis Wright father of the within mentioned John Wright haveing good Right title and Interest by the Courtessie of England to all and Singular the within mentioned Lands Sold and by my Son John Wright Conveyed and made over to Francis Thornton and his heires Exrs by the within deed doth Express Therefore I the said Francis Wright do by these presents acquitt all my Right title and Interest of the within mentioned Land and for ever do dyscharge the Said Francis Thornton from all manner of Claymes in and to the Said Land of any person or persons Claymeing from by or under me the said Francis Wright or any other title whatsoever unto the Land Claymeing for a Consideration of the said premises I have hereunto sett my hand and sale the fifth day of Sept. 1705

Signed Sealed and Wright
delivered in the
presence of us
George Taylor
Atten Doniphan

Acknowledged in Richmond County Court by the within named Francis Wright the 5th day of Sepr 1705 wch: acknowledgmnt Wm. Thornton in the behalfe of his

father Francis Thornton the day and yeare aforesd: did Receive, and Recorded the 11th day of the same month and yeare

Test

Know all men by these presents that I John Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmoreland do owe and stand firmly Indebted unto Francis Thornton of the County of Stafford his heirs Exrs: and Admrs: in the Just Summe of one thousand pounds sterl money of England to be paid by Good bills of Exchange upon all Demands to the wch: payment well and truely to be made I bind my Selfe my heires Execrs: and Admrs: firmly by these presents in Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this fifth day of Septembr: 1705

The Condition of this present obligation is Such that whereas in and by one Instrument of writing made betweene the above bounden John Wright of the one part and the above named Francis Thornton of the other part bearing Equall date wth: these presents It is mentioned that for the Consideration therein Expressed the said John Wright hath granted Bargained and Sold and Assigned unto the said Francis Thornton his heires &c one messuage tenement or tract of Land Containing one thousand acres Lying in Richmond County Now if the above bounded John Wright his heires Execrs: and admrs: and every of them shall and do perform fulfill and keep all and Singular the Convenants grants Clauses and Preases(?) wch: on his and theire parts ought to be performed fulfilled and kept mentioned in the said Instrument of writing made betweene the said John Wright & Francis Thornton and that in and by all things according to the true Intent & meaning of the same Instrument without fraud or Condñ then the Obligation to be Voyd and of none Effect or Else to be and Remaine in full force and Virtue Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

George Taylor
Alexr: Donisham

Jno Wright

Acknowledged in Richmond County Court ye 5th day of Septr ano 1705 & Recorded

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Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the County of Westmrland: do owe and stand Justly indebted unto Francis Thornton of the County of Stafford his heires Exors or Assignes in the Just Summe of two hundred pounds Sterl money of England to be paid by good bill of Exchange upon all demands to the wch: payment well and truely to be made I I bind myselfe my heires Exrs: and admrs. firmly by these presents In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this fifth day of Septr ano Domini 1705

The Condition of this above obligation is such that whereas my Son Jno Wright by and with my Consent hath aliened and Sold unto the said Francis Thornton his heires and Assignes forever the Quantity of one thousand acres of land Lying in St. Marys Parish Richmond County for Sufficient Consideration already Reced appear by a deed of Sale bearing Equal date wth: these presents and hath hereby _____ the said Land and premises upon the sd Thornton In an Estate of fee simple and upon the heires and assignes for ever free from all Clayms of Dower &c or any other Incumbrance _____ therefore I the said Francis Wright shall quitt Clayme and discharge and for ever hereafter Exonerate the said Land from any Clayme Right Title or Interest to me in the said Land by Law Custome or priviledge my wife appertaining or to any of my heires or assignes for ever that then this obligation to be Voyd otherwise to remaine in full force and Virtue

Signed Sealed and Delivered, in presence of us
George Taylor
Alex Doniphan

Wright

Acknowledged in Richmond County Court the 5th day of Septmr 1705 &
Recorded

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J Sherlock Cl Cur"

This record indicates that John Wright was of legal age on September 5, 1705, and therefore, was born before September 5, 1684.

On March 25, 1707, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/4, Francis Wright and his son and heir apparent John Wright sold to Thomas Goff 200 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made the 25th day of March 1707 in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen Defender of the faith &c and in the year of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred and six Beetween Francis Wright of Westmorld County in the Colony of Virga. Gentl. and John Wright, son and heir apparent of the sd Francis Wright of the one part and Thomas Goff of Richmond County in the Colony aforesaid planter of the other part Witness that they the said Francis Wright and John Wright as well for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand pounds of tobacco and cash to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Goff at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof and of every part & parcel thereof the sd Francis Wright and John Wright do hereby confess and acknowledge themselves therewith fully contented satisfied and paid and thereof do acquit, exonerate & forever discharge the said Thomas Goff his heirs, Executors & Admrs and every of them by these presents as also for several other good causes and considerations them the said Francis and John Wright thereunto at this time especially moving, Have given, granted, bargained, sold,

aliened enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do fully, freely and clearly give grant, bargain sell alien enfeoff and absolutely confirm unto the said Thomas Goff and his heirs forever all that tract or parcel of land which hath been already laid out and surveyed by one Mr. Horton Late of Westmorland County decd by the order of Francis Wright party to these presents unto the said Thomas Goff and Wm Goff late decd adjoining upon the land of Wm Boothe situate in Washington Parish in the County of Westmorland: aforesaid containing by estimation in the whole two hundred acres of land be the same more or less with all houses out houses, tobacco houses, barns, buildings, gardens orchards and edifices whatsoever together with all woods and underwoods, timber trees and trees likely to make timber with and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders thereof rents, issues and profits of all and singular the premises aforesaid and all the Estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Francis and John Wright of in and to the same and every or any part thereof, but if in case that it shall so happen that the plat and survey of the said two hundred acres of land cannot be found that then and in such case the said Thomas Goff and his heirs at their proper cost and charges shall have the same laid out and surveyed to them by said Francis and John Wright their heirs and assigns upon reasonable request to them or any of them to be made. To Have and to Hold the said two hundred acres of land aforesaid with all their appurtenances unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever to the only sole proper use benefit and behoof of him the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forevermore and to and for none other use intent and purpose whatsoever & the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff in manner and form following, (that is to say) that the said Francis Wright and John Wright have or one of them hath at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, a good, true, absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in pure and absolute fee simple of, in and unto all and singular the premises aforesaid with all its rights, members and appurtenances and being so seized have or one of them hath good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain and sell the same unto Thomas Goff aforesaid his heirs and assigns in manner as aforesaid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff that he the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter have hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy all and singular the premises aforesaid and every part thereof without the let, suit, trouble, molestation or interruption of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever and that the premises aforesaid with the appurtenances now are and be and from henceforth forever hereafter shall remain, continue and be unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of and from all and all manner of former and other gifts, bargains, sales, grants, mortgages, leases, Judgments, Extents, Executions dowers and title of dowers, rents and arrearages of rent and from all other debts charges and incumbrances whatsoever (the chief rent of the Lord of the fee due and to become due from the

time of the sale only excepted And the said Francis Wright and John Wright do covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Thomas Goff and his heirs that the said Francis Wright and John Wright and their heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim any right, title or interest of in or to the premises aforesaid & every or any part thereof shall and will upon every reasonable request, costs and charges in the law of him the sd Thomas Goff his heirs make do seal perfect acknowledge suffer and execute or cause to be made done, sealed, perfected, acknowledged suffered and executed all and singular act and acts, thing and things device or devices conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the better and further assurance and suremaking of the premises aforesaid with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns forever as by the learned counsel in the law of the said Thomas Goff his heirs and assigns shall reasonably device advice or require. In witness whereof the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first within written.

Sealed & delivd. in the	)	Francis Wright
presence of	)	John Wright
Thomas Sorrell)	
Geo. Eskridge)	

Westmor'ld: S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707, Francis Wright and John Wright Gentl acknowledged this present conveyance of lands &c to be their proper act and deed and the lands and premises thereby mentioned to be conveyed to the therein named Thomas Goff to be the just right and Inheritance of him the said Thomas Goffe his heirs and assigns forever.

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On March 26, 1707, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/1, John Wright, the son and heir apparent of Francis Wright, joined in the conveyance of 100 acres of land which had been previously sold on February 25, 1685/6, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/1 by Francis Wright and his wife Ann (Washington) Wright to Michael Halbert, land which had been granted to Ann (Washington) Wright's father John Washington and descended to her by reason of her father's death:

"To all christian people to whom these presents shall come, Francis Wright and Ann his wife send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Know Ye that I Francis

Wright of the County of Westmoreld in Virga Gentl and I the said Ann daughter of Col John Washington of the County aforesaid decd now wife to the said Francis Wright for good causes and considerations us thereunto moving & more especially for the sum of four thousand pounds of tobacco in cash to us in hand delivered and wherewith we do acknowledge ourselves satisfied and paid, have granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien enfeoff and confirm unto Michael Halbert one hundred acres of land situate in Westmorld County in Virga. at the head of Madox granted to the said John Washington by patent and now by the death of the said Washington devolving and dissending to Ann his daughter (now wife to the said Wright by hereditary right together with all buildings fences, orchards, woods, rivers, waters, privileges members and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and to hold the said messuages or hundred acres of land with its members and appurtenances above recited to him the said Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns forever, And the said Francis Wright and the said Ann his wife do for themselves, their heirs, Executors and Admrs to and for either and every of them covenant, promise grant and agree to and with the said Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns that the said hundred acres of land now is and from time to time and at all times hereafter shall be and remain free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted and discharged of and from all and all manner of former bargains, sails, guifts, grants Feofments, Jointures, Dowers titles of dowers, leases and from all and all manner of other titles, claims, charges and incumbrances of any manner of person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming the said messuage or hundred acres of land with its members and appurtenances aforesaid. In witness whereof we the said Francis Wright and Ann Wright have hereto put our hands and seals this 25th day of February in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the second Annoque Dom: 1685

Signed, Sealed and deli-	)	Francis Wright
vered in the presence of us	)	Ann Wright
Thomas Baker	)	John Wright
Thomas Marshall		
Ann Read		

March the 31st 1686. Acknowledged in Court by Francis Wright and then recorded

P. Tho: Marson D.C.C.P.

Westmorld: SS

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707.

John Wright Gentl. son and heir apparent of Francis Wright Gent: party to this present conveyance by subscribing his name to the same and by himself in person acknowledged and voluntarily disclaimed any right, title or interest in and

to the lands and premises in the said conveyance contained or to any part or parcel thereof for divers and especial considerations at this time him thereunto moving.

Test

Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Pred

Recordatz: primo die April 1707.

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the County of Westmorland in Virga. do acknowledge and confess myself to be indebted to Michael Halbert his heirs, Exors Admrs in the full and just sum of ten thousand pounds of good tobacco in cash to be paid upon all demands after the date of these presents and to the performance hereof well and truly to be done I do bind myself my heirs and assigns firmly by these presents and in testimony to the truth hereof have hereto put my hand and seal this 25th day of Feby 1685.

Test

Ja: Westcomb Cler. Cler. Com Pred

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounded Francis Wright his heirs and assigns do from time to time and at all times hereafter save defend and keep harmless the Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns in the quiet and peaceable possession of one hundred acres of land which he holds in right of Ann his wife and now by deed of feofment from the said Wright and Ann his wife granted sold aliened and confirmed to the Michael Halbert his heirs and assigns for a valuable consideration Recd. according to all the parts members and claims and things mentioned in the aforesaid deed of feofment bearing date with these presents And shall and will make such further assurances in law as by the said Michael Halbert and his learned counsel in the law shall be devised, or advised, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to stand in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presents of us) Francis Wright
Tho: Baker) John Wright
Tho: Marshall

Westmorld: SS

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707.

John Wright, Gentl, son and heir apparent of Francis Wright Gentl. party to the within Bond in open Court acknowledged himself a party to the said bond by subscribing his name thereto and the penalty therein specified to enure and be

good and valued to all intents and purposes therein declared against him his heirs, Executors and Admrs to the benefit and advantage of the therein named Michael Halbert according to the true meaning and purport of the said bond.

Test
Ja: Westcomb Cler. Com Ped

Recordatz: primo die Aprilis 1707

Pr Eund'm Cler'um"

This record identifies John Wright as the son of Francis Wright and Anne (Washington) Wright and grandson of John Washington and indicates that John Wright was of legal age on March 26, 1707, and, therefore, born before March 26, 1686.

On March 26, 1707, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/3, John Wright executed a quitclaim deed to Robert Frank for land which John Wright's father Francis Wright had sold to Thomas Robins and which Thomas Robins had sold in part to Robert Frank, but which John Wright's deceased mother had not properly conveyed during her lifetime:

"To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come I, Jno. Wright of Westmord County well knowing that a certain tract of land lying on or near Appamattox Creek was formerly sold by my father Francis Wright to Thomas Robins of the said County as by the said Francis deed on the said County Court may more fully appear and the considerations on the part of the said Robins well and truly performed, But my late mother the then wife of the said Francis not acknowledging acting and doing as on her part ought to have been done by means whereof the said Tho: Robins in his right & title to the said land hath not been secured and confirmed as he ought to have been And the said Robins having sold part of the said land to Robert Frank of the aforesaid County as p: a deed of the said Robins in the said County Court acknowledged more fully may appear Now know ye that I ye said John Wright in conscience knowing yt: the said Robert Frank (for such part of the land as by ye said Robins to him acknowledged) ye said land ought to have and to hold, doe hereby exonerate, acquit, discharge & + + + + ye said Frank his heirs &c of and from all manner of right, title or interest which I my heirs have might or could have to said land by virtue of any right of Inheritance or other right or title whatsoever

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand sevean hundred and seaven

Test
Alex: Thompson
Wm. + + + ton

John Wright

Westmorl: S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of March 1707.

John Wright Gentl acknowledged the within Instrument to be his proper act and deed and did acquit, disclaim and discharge to the within named Robert Frank all manner of right, title or interest in to the lands therein specified according to the purport and true meaning of the same & that the said lands and premises for and notwithstanding any act or thing by him his heirs or assigns or any other by his procuremt. or consent done or to be done at any time hereafter are the just right and inheritance of him the said Robert Frank his heirs & assigns forever.

Test

Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Ped

Recordatz: primo April 1707.

Pr Eund'm Cler'um"

On May 25, 1707, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/26, John Wright waived any right that he had in 200 acres of land sold by his father Francis Wright to Thomas Marshall but not joined in by John's deceased mother:

"To all christian people to whom these presents shall come I, Jno. Wright of Westmrld County well knowing that a certain tract of land being on or near Appamattox Creek was formerly sold by my father Francis Wright to Thomas Marshall his heirs &c as by the said Francis Wright deed to the said Marshall may more fully appear, the said land containing two hundred acres and the part of the said Marshall in the said deed well and truly performed, But my late mother the then wife of the said Francis Wright not acknowledging acting and doing as on her part ought to have been done by means whereof the said Thomas Marshall in his right and title to the said land hath not been secured and confirmed as he ought to have been and the said Marshall dying before such security made Now know ye that I the said John Wright in conscience knowing that the heirs Executors Administrators or assigns of the said Marshall the said land ought to have and to hold do hereby exonerate, acquit, discharge and disclaim the said Marshall's heirs &c of and from all and all manner of right, title or interest which I, my heirs &c have, might or may have to the said land by virtue of any wright of Inheritance or other right or title whatsoever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seven.

John Wright

Test

Wm Brown John Pratt

Westmorld: SS)

At a Court held for the said County the 28th day of May 1707.

John Wright within named acknowledged the within written Instrument to be his proper act and deed.

Test Ja: Westcomb CC. PD

Recordaz 30: die May pf

Pr Eundm Clerum"

On October 15, 1707, at Northern Neck Land Grant 3/169, John Wright obtained from Lady Culpeper and Thomas Lord Fairfax and his wife Catherine a grant of 61 acres of land in Nominy Forest of Westmoreland County, Virginia, based on a warrant issued on August 20, 1703:

"Marguritte Lady Culpeper Thomas Lord Fairfax and Catherine his Wife Proprietors of ye Northern Neck of Virga: Everlasting Whereas John Wright of ye County of Westmoreland upon his Suggestion of a Certain Quantity of Land belonging to us in ye sd: County which is not yet Granted Did on the twentyeth day of August one thousand Seven hundred & three Obtaine a Warrant from our Office for Laying out the Same And having now Returned a Survey thereof under the Hand of Mr. Thomas Thompson Surveyr, Know Yee therefore that we for & in Consideracon of ye Composicon to us paid & ye Annual Rent hereafter Reserved have Granted made over & Confirmed & Do by these psents Grant make over & Confirm Unto ye sd: John Wright Sixty one Acres of Land Scituate Lying & being in ye Forrest of Nominy in ye County of Westmoreland Aforesad: & bounded according to ye sd: Survey as followeth Vizt: Begining at ye South Easternmost Corner of L'Estrange Mordants Patent now belonging to ye sd: John Wright & Extending from thence North West & by West one hundred & Seventy four poles to ye Corner of ye sd: Mordants patent & in ye Line of Capt: Hutt thence along ye Line of ye sd: Hutt South West fifty Eight poles to a marked Pohickory Corner tree to ye sd: Hutt & this Land & ye Land of Charles Smith & from thence South fifty Eight degrees East one hundred & Sixty four poles to a marked pohickory being Corner tree to ye Land of William Hardwick. Thence north Eighty five Degrees East to a marked Oake twenty Six poles Thence North Sixty Seven degrees East one hundred & fifty poles to ye Line of ye aforesd: Mordants Now Wrights thence along ye sd: Line West South West half West to ye place begin Att. Together with all Rights members & Appurtenances thereunto belonging Royall Mines Excepted & ye full third part of all Lead Copper Tinn Coals & Iron Mines that shall be found thereon. To have & to hodl ye sd: Sixty one Acres of Land Together wth: all Rights profitts & Benefitts to ye same belonging or in any wise appertaining Except before Excepted to him ye sd: John Wright his heirs & Assignes for Ever He ye sd: John Wright his heirs or Assignes

therefore yielding and Paying to us our heirs or Assignes or to ye Certain Attorney or Attorneys of us ye sd: Proprietors or to ye Certain Attorney or Attorneys of our heirs or Assignes proprietrs of ye sd: Northern Neck yearly & Every year on ye feast of St: Michael ye Arch Angell ye Fee Rent of one Shilling Sterling Money for every fifty Acres of Land hereby Granted Provided that if ye sd: John Wright his heirs or Assignes shall not pay ye before Reserved Annuall Rent so that ye same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by ye Space of two whole years after ye same shall become Due if Lawfully Demanded that then it shall & may be Lawfull for us our heirs or Assignes Certain Attorneys or Agents into ye above Granted Premises to ReEnter & hold ye same so as if this Grant had never passed. Given at our Office in Lancaster: County wthin our sd: proprietary under our Seale Witness our Agents & Attorney fully Authoriz'd thereto dated ye fifteenth Day of October in ye Sixth year of Queen Defender of ye Faith &c Annoq Dom: 1707.

John Wright his Deed for 61 Acres of Land in Westmoreland County."

The listing of a warrant granted to John Wright on August 20, 1703, indicates that he was probably of legal age by that date and therefore, born probably before August 20, 1782.

On February 21, 1708/9, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 4/174, John Wright and Francis Wright of Westmoreland County sold to Thomas Robins 200 acres of land in Westmoreland County by deed of lease and release:

"This Indenture made the twenty first day of February one thousand seven hundred and Eight and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England Scotland, France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright & John Wright of Cople parish in the County of Westmorlnd Gentl. of the one part and Thomas Robins of Washington Parish in the said County planter of the other party, Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and Jno. Wright for and in consideration of five shillings of good and lawful money of England to them in hand paid by the said Thomas Robins at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do own, Have given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Robins all their right, title property, benefit claim & demand whatsoever of, in and to two hundred acres of land situate lying and being in the parish of Washington and County aforesaid and beginning at a corner marked hickory of the land of Thomas Marshall and extending East twenty pole to a red oak then North ninety two pole to a marked red oak thence West One hundred and forty pole to a black oak standing in the Westernmost line of the Pattent, then South up the said line to a corner marked chesnutt tree Eighty poles, thence East along the Southermost line one hundred and twenty pole to a marked oak of the said Marshalls finally dower the said Marshall's line to the first stacon with all houses, out houses and tobacco houses with all timber and timber trees with all wayes, water and

watercourses with all orchards, fences and gardens thereon with all privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents issues and profits and all the Estate right, title property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the seaid Francis Wright and John Wright to the same and every part and every part & parcel thereof. To Have and to hold all and singular the tract and parcel of land and premises and every part & parcel thereof hereby bargained and sold or mentioned or intended to be hereby bargained and sold unto the said Thomas Robins his heirs and assigns forever from the day of the date hereof for and during and until the full end and term of one whole year next ensuing - Yielding and paying therefore the rent of one Ear of indian Corn on the feast day of the birth of our blessed Savior if the same shall be lawfully demanded to the end intent and purpose by virtue of these presents and of the Statute for transferring uses into possessions the said Thomas Robins may be in the actual possessions of the premises & thereby enabled to accept a grant of the reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs forever. In witness whereof the parties abovementioned hath interchangably sett their hands and seals the day and year above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed & deli-	)	Francis Wright
vered in presence of	)	John Wright
Nath: Pope)	
Jos. Belfield)	

Westmord: S.S.

At a Court held for the said County the 23d day of Febr'y 1708

Francis and John Wright Gentl personally appeared and acknowledged the within writing or lease of land to Thomas Robins to be their proper act and deed to be and enure to the use therein contained.

Test
Ja: Westcomb Cler. Com Pe'd

Recordatz 28" die Febr'y pre'd

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um

This Indenture made the twenty second day of February one thousand seven hundred and Eight and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople parish n the County of Westmoreld Gentl. of the one part and Thomas Robins of Washington Parish in the said County planter of the other party Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and John Wright for and in consideration of one thousand pounds of good tobacco in hand paid them by the said Thomas Robins

at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which they do own and therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and therefrom and every part and parcel thereof do acquitt, exonerate and discharge the said Thomas Robins his heirs Executors &c. Have given granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents give grant, bargain, alien, and sell, remise, release and forever confirm unto the said Thomas Robins and his heirs the said Thomas Robins being in the actual possession thereof by virtue of a lease made of the same bearing date the day before the date of these presents and statute for transferring uses into possession all that two hundred acres of land situate in Washington Parish in the County aforesaid which the said Francis Wright and Ann his wife then sole owner of the said land sold to William Booth decd. and recd. a consideration for the same but the said Ann dying before the same was legally conveyed the said William Booth had not any right to the same and now is the proper Estate of the said John Wright son and heir to the said Ann the said two hundred acres of land beginning at a corner marked hickory of the land of Thomas Marshall and extending East twenty pole to a red oak then North ninety two poles to a marked red oak, thence West one hundred and forty poles to a black oak standing in the Westernmost line of the patent, then South up the said line to a corner mark't chestnutt tree Eighty poles, thence East along the Southermost line one hundred and twenty pole to a marked oak of the the said Marshall's finally down the said Marshall's line to the first stacon and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders thereof, rents issues and profits of all and singular the before mentioned premises and every part and parcel thereof and also all the Estate, right, title, property, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright them and either of them of in and to the said hundred acres of land and every part and parcel thereof or in any wise appertaining, and all deeds, evidences, receipts and minements whatsoever touching the premises alone or any part or parcel thereof. To Have and to Hold the said the said right, title, property, claim and demand of, in and to the said land and premises to them the said Francis Wright and John Wright or either of them of in and to the said land and premises hereby granted, bargained and sold, remised, released and confirmed or mentioned or intended to be hereby released, remised and confirmed, together with all privileges and appurtenances, with all woods ways, waters and watercourses with all timber, & timber trees, with all houses, outhouses and tobacco houses gardens, fences and orchards thereon unto the said Thomas Robins and his heirs forever to the only proper sole use and behoof of him the said Thomas Robins his heirs and assigns forevermore. To be holden of the chief Lord or Lords of the fee by the rents and services due and accustomed to be paid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves their heirs &c. doth promise, covenant and agree to and with the said Thomas Robins his heirs &c. that the before granted premises is free and clear from all incumbrances and will warrant and forever defend the same lands and premises to the end the said Thomas Robins and his heirs may quietly and peaceably hold occupy, possess and enjoy the same from the just claim of any person whatsoever. And further do covenant, promise and agree to do, suffer and execute all and every such further act and acts thing and things, device and devices conveyance and

conveyances as the said Thomas Robins or his counsel learned in the law shall advise or devise for the sure making and conveying this said land and premises at any time within ten years next ensuing provided that the said Francis Wright & John Wright or either of them are not compelled to travel above thirty miles from their own houses to perform the same and that the same be done at the proper costs and charges of the said Thomas Robins and his heirs and do further covenant at some Court to be held for the said County within six months ensuing to appear & acknowledge the sale to the said Thomas Robins and his heirs to the end the same may be recorded. In witness whereof the parties to these presents hath interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day & year first mentioned.

Francis Wright
John Wright

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the
presence of N. Pope, Jos Belfield

Westmorl'd: S.S.)

At a Court held for the said County the 23d day of Febr'y 1708.

Francis Wright and John Wright, Gentl. personally appeared and each of them acknowledged this present release of land to Thomas Robins to be their proper act and deed and the land and premises thereby mentioned to be conveyed to the said Thomas Robins to be the just right and inheritance of him the said Thomas Robins his heirs and assigns forever.

Test Ja: Westcomb Cler Com Pe'd

Recordatz 28^o die Febr'y pred(?)

Pr. Eund'm Cler'um"

On October 7, 1709, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 5/153, John Wright and Francis Wright sold to John Washington 171½ acres of land in Richmond County by a deed of lease and release:

"This Indenture made the seventh day of October one thousand seven hundred & nine and in the Eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople pish in Westmorland County Gent of the one part and John Washington of the pish of Washington in the said County late of Stafford County Gent: of the other parte Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright & John Wright for and in Consideration of five Shillings of English money in hand paid then by the said Francis Wright & John Wright at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Francis

and John doe acknowledge and therefrom doe acquitt Exonerate & discharge the said John Washington his heirs and every part and parcell thereof have given granted bargained & Sold and do by these presents give grant bargain & sell unto the said John Washington all that peice or parcell of land Containing one hundred and Seaventy one & halfe acres Scituate lying & being in Saint Marys pish in the County of Richmond and beginning att a Stake standing near a Small markt red oak Saplin & runing from thence north one hundred twenty eight pole deviding this land from the land of John Piper decd to the line of Thomas Marshall deced thence west two degrees Southerly along the line of the said Marshall and Thomas Robins one hundred & Seventy poles to a markt. Chesnutt tree being Corner to the said Robins thence north one hundred seventy six poles along another line of the said Robins thence west twenty poles to the Corner tree of Majr: Francis Thornton thence South along his line three hundred pole to a Stake standing in the line of John Willis Senr. thence East one hundred and ninety pole along the said Willis his line to the place where it began with all houses, outhouses, & Tobacco houses, Edifices, buildings, Gardens, orchards, fences, Woods, & under woods, ways, water, water Courses, priviledges & Comodities whatsoever to the said tract or parcill of land tenements Messuage heriditaments & all and Singular the premisses aforesaid and to every part & parcill thereof belonging or in any ways appertaining and the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders rents Ishews & profitts thereof and all the estate right title benefitt property Claims & Demands whatsoever of him the said Francis Wright & John Wright of in & to the same and of in and to every part & percill thereof to have and to hold all and Singular the tract and parcill of land and premisses and every part & parcill thereof aforesaid hereby bargained sold or mentioned or Intended to be hereby bargained & Sold unto the said John Washington his heirs & assignes forever from the day of the Date hereof for and dureing and untill the full end & term of one whole year thence next Ensueing & fully to be Compleated and Ended yeilding and paying therefore the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn on ye first day of the Birth of our Lord God next Insuing if the same shall lawfully be demanded to the end Intent and purpose that by virtue of these presents of the Stattute for transferring uses and possessions the said John Washington may be in the actuall possession of the said premisses and be thereby Inabled to accept a grant of ye reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Francis Wright and John Wright hath sett their hands & fixt their the day & month and year above mentioned

Signed Sealed & deld.
in the Presents of
John Champe
Jos: Belfield
Nath: Pope

Fras Wright
John Wright

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2, 1709

Daniell Mccarty Gent. by vertue of a power of attorney from Francis Wright and

John Wright to him in that behalf made acknowledged this deed for land unto John Washington Gent: Whereupon at the motion of Nathll: Pope in behalf of the said Washington it was admitted to Record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur

Examined p M: Beckwith

Wee doe hereby Impower Danll: Mccarty our attorney to acknowledge these presents in Richmond County Court unto the said John Washington and his heirs rattyfying & Conferming the same to all Intents & purposes as though wee were psonally present wittness our hands & Seales this 26th October 1709

Test	Fra: Wright
Nathll: Pope	John Wright
John Champe	
Jos: Belfield	

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2' 1709

This power of attorney was proved by the oathes of the Witnesses to it and it was admitted to record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur

Examined p M Beckwith Cl Cur

This Indenture made the eight daye of October one thousand Seven hundred & nine and in the eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady And by the grace of God of Great Brittain france & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c Between Francis Wright and John Wright of Cople pish in the County of Westmorland Gent of the one partt and John Washington of Washington pish in the said County late of Stafford County Gent: of the other part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright and John Wright for and in Consideration of eight thousand pounds of good Tobacco in hand paid them by the said John Washington at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Francis & John Wright do owne and therewith fully satisfied Contented & paid and from every part & parcell thereof doe acquitt & discharge the said John Washington his Executors &c have given granted bargained & sold and do by these presents fully & Clearly give grant bargain sell allien enfeoff & Confirme remise and Release unto the said John Washington & his heirs the said John Washington being in the actuall possession thereof by vertue of a Lease made thereof bearing date one day before the date of these presents and of the Statute for transferring uses into possessions all that peice or parsell of land Containing one hundred seventy one & halfe acres of land Scituate part in

Richmond County and part in Westmorland County beginning in St. Marys pish in the County of Richmond at a stake standing nigh a small red oak Saplin and moving from thence north one hundred twenty eight poles deviding this land from the land of John Piper deced to the line of Thomas Marshall deced thence west two degrees Southerly along the line of the sd Marshalls and Thomas Robins one hundred and twenty poles to a markt Chesnutt tree being Corner to the said Robins thence north one hundred seventy six poles along another line of the said Robins thence west twenty poles to the Corner tree of Major Francis Thornton thence South along his line three hundred poles to a Stake Standing in the line of John Willis Senr. thence East one hundred & ninety poles along the said Willises line to the place where it began, And the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders thereof rents issues and profitts and all and Singular the before mentioned premisses and every part and parsell thereof, and also all the estate right title property Claime & demand whatsoever of them the said Francis Wright and John Wright to the same & every part and parcell thereof belonging or in any wayes appertaining and all deeds wrightings Evidences Receipts and menaments whatsoever touching the premisses alone and Every part & parcell thereof to have and to hold the said right title property Clayme & demand whatsoever of in and to the said land & premisses and every part thereof of them the sd. Francis Wright and John Wright together with all woods ways waters and water Courses with all houses out houses and Tobacco houses with all timber and timber trees wth: all orchards fences and Gardens thereon hereby bargained & sold and every part and parcell thereof or menconed or intended to be hereby granted bargained & Sold with every their appurtenances and priviledges to the said John Washington and his heirs forever to the only proper sole use and behoof of him the said John Washington his heirs and assignes forevermore to be holden of the Cheif Lord or Lords of the fee by the rents and Services due and accustomed to be paid and the said Francis Wright and John Wright for themselves their heirs &c doe Covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Washington his heirs &c that the before granted premisses is free & Clear from all and every Incumberance & Incumberances whatsoever and the same doe warrant & forever defend from the Just Clames of all psons whatsoever unto the said John Washington & his heirs forever to the end the said John Washington & his heirs shall peaceably and quietly possess the same and doe further Covenant promise & agree to make and Execute all such further act and acts devise & devises assurance & assurances for the further and better sure makeing & Conveying the said land and premisses as the said John Washington & his heirs or any of them or any of their learned Councill in the law shall advise or devise soe that the same shall be done at the proper Cost of the said John Washington his heirs &c and Lastly doe Covenant that any Court held for Richmond County within six months ensueing the date hereof the said Francis and John Wright in pson or by power of attorney will acknowledge these presents to the end the same may recorded In Witness whereof the parties aforementioned hath Interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid

Signed Sealed delivered

Fra: Wright

in the presents of
Nath: Pope
John Champe

John Wright

At a Court held for Richmond County November 2d 1709 Daniell Mccarty Gent: by virtue of a power of attorney from Francis Wright and John Wright to him in that behalf made acknowledged this deed for land unto John Washington Gent Whereupon at the motion of Nathaniell Pope in behalf of the said Washington it was admitted to record

Test
Beckwith Cl Cur

Examined p M: Beckwith Cl Cur"

The absence of any joinder in this deed by Dorothy (____) Wright indicates that the marriage of John Wright and Dorothy (____) Wright probably occurred after October 7, 1709.

On February 4, 1712, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 6/103, John Wright sold to Joseph Belfield his remainder interest in the land of Mottrom Wright, Sr., which had been given to Mottrom's children in his will with a remainder to John Wright if Mottrom's children died without issue:

"This Indenture made the Fourth day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland defender of the faith &c Annoq. Domini 1712 Betweene John Wright of the parish of Copely in the County of Westmoreland gentleman of the one part, and Joseph Belfield of the parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond Chirurgeon of the other part Whereas Mottrem Wright late of the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Virginia gent deced did in and by his last Will and Testament in writing dated the Eighth day of October 1700 (amongst divers other legacies and bequests) give and devise unto his daughter Frances Wright (late wife of the Said Joseph Belfield since deced) Seven hundred acres of his land and plantation on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek, in the aforesaid County of Richmond to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns For ever and all the Rest of his lands and plantations in Virginia he did give and devise to his Son Mottrem Wright his heirs and assigns for Ever, Willing that in Case either of his said Children Mottrem or Frances Wright should Dye before the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the legacyes of him or her so dying should go to the Survivour and to his or her heirs and assigns For Ever, and in Case of both their deceases before Marryage or the aforesaid age of one and twenty yeares, then he gave and devised the legacyes given to his Said two Children as aforesaid unto his Cozen the above named John Wright and to his heirs and assigns for Ever (as in and by the Said Will relation thereto being had doth and may more fully and att large appeare)

And Whereas the said Frances Daughter of the Testator intermarried with the said Joseph Belfield, and is since deced leaving Issue by him the said Joseph Belfield, One son named Thomas Wright Belfield, and the said Mottrem Wright the Testators Son is also lately deced unmarried, and under the age of one and twenty yeares so that the Reversion and Remainder in fee of and in the aforesaid lands by Virtue of the aforesaid Will lyes and is Vested in him the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield should dye before age and without Issue. No this Indenture Witnesseth That the said John Wright for and in Consideration of the Summe of Fifty pounds Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Belfield att and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof the said John Wright doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of Every part thereof doth acquitt exonerate & discharge the sd Joseph Belfield his heirs Execrs: and Admrs: For Ever by these presents hath Given granted Bargained Sold Released and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully Clearly and absolutely Give Grant bargain Sell Release and Confirm unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns for Ever. All That Tract of Land Scituate Lying and being on the North Side of Rappahanock Creek in the aforesaid parrish of Sittenbourne containing by Estimacon fifteen hundred acres be the same more or less formerly belonging to the aforesd. Mottrem Wright the Testator, being bought by him of Henry Fleet of the aforesd: County of Lancaster gent, and of Edwin Conway late of ye Same County Gent: Since deced and now in the possession of the said Joseph Belfield, and all houses, outhouses, gardens orchards, woods underwoods wayes priviledges commodities & appurtenances whatsoever to the said Land belonging or in any wise appertaining (the Reversion or Remainder in fee of which said Land and premisses Lyes and is Vested in the said John Wright in Case the said Thomas Wright Belfield son of sd: Joseph Belfield should happen to dye as aforesaid before age and without Issue by Virtue of ye aforesaid Last Will and Testament of the said Mottrem Wright) and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remaindrs. of all and Singular the before granted land and premisses, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest property, Benefitt, clayme and demand whatsoever of him the said John Wright of in and to the Same or any part Thereof To have to hold the said Tract of Land and all and Singular other ye prmisses hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be granted with the appurtenances unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns for Ever. And the said John Wright for him selfe his heires Execrs: & admrs: doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns by these presents in manner and forme following (that is to Say) that he ye said John Wright att the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents is lawfully seized of and in all and singular ye premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted of a good pure absolute and indefearable estate of Inheritance in fee Simple in Reversion Expectant, upon the decease of the said Thomas Wright Belfield under age and without Issue as aforesaid. And that he the said John Wright now hath good Right and full power to Bargaine Sell & Convey the premisses and every part thereof unto ye Said Joseph Belfield and his heirs in manner and Forme aforesd And that he the said Joseph Belfield his

heirs and assigns Shall or lawfully may from time to time and att all times for Ever hereafter freely quietly and peaceably have hold occupy possess & enjoy all and Singular the said land and premisses hereby granted or mentioned to be granted without any clayme lett trouble or Interruption of him the said John Wright, his heirs or assigns, or any other person or persons whatsoever, lawfully clayming or to clayme by from or under him them or any of them And the said John Wright for himself his heirs Execrs: and admrs: doth hereby further covenant promise and grant to and with the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, that he the said John Wright his heirs and assigns and all and every other person or persons whatsoever which now have or hereafter Shall or lawfully may have or clayme any Estate, Right Title or Interest of in or to the premisses or any part thereof by from or under him them or any of them shall & will from time to time and att all times hereafter att and upon the Reasonable Request and propper Costs & charges in the law of the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns, do make acknowledge and Execute all and every such farther and other lawfull and reasonable act and acts thing & things deeds Conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the farther better more perfect and absolute Conveying assuring and Suremaking of all and Singular the premisses hereby before granted unto the said Joseph Belfield his heirs and assigns as by ye sd Joseph Belfield his heirs & assigns or his or their Councell learned in the law shall be Reasonably devised advised or required And Lastly the said John Wright doth hereby covenant to and with ye said Joseph Belfield that he ye said John Wright shall and will att the next Court to be held for the County of Richmond or att Such other time as he Shall be thereto Required by the said Joseph Belfield, acknowledge this deed unto him the said Joseph Belfield, in order to it's being entered upon the Records of ye Said Court In Witnesse Whereof the parties abovenamed to these present Indentures have Interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered)
in the presence of)
Thos Dickenson
Jno Davis
Samll: Godwin

John Wright

Att a Court held for Richmond County ye fourth day of February 1712

John Wright came into Court and acknowledged this his deed unto Joseph Belfield and it was att the said Belfields motion admitted to Record

Test
M: Beckwith Cl Cur"

On September 22, 1714, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/332 John Wright and his wife Dorothy Wright gifted 300 acres of land to John's brother Richard Wright, son of John Wright's father Francis Wright:

"To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come John Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmorland Gentl: son & heir of Francis Wright late of the parish & County aforesaid Gentl. decd Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God everlasting Now know ye that I the said John Wright for & in consideration of the natural love & affection which I have & bear unto my loving brother Richard Wright son of my said father Francis Wright and for divers other causes & considerations me hereunto more especially moving Have given & granted and by these presents doe fully clearly & absolutely give grant & confirm unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever all that peice parcell tract tenement & plantacon of land lying scituate & being in the parish & County aforesd in lower Machotique Neck and is bounded as followeth Vizt. Beginning at the mouth of a Cove issuing out of a small Creek comonly called the flooding or Oshter Creek runing thence Westerly up the meanders of the said Cove to a small branch at the head thereof lying on the north side of the plantacon where Thomas Appleyard last lived comonly called the old plantacon and up the said branch (crossing the horse path down the said Neck to the said Wrights plantacon) to a marked Maple standing in the said branch thence Southerly up a small discent of swampy ground along a line of marked trees a little to the West of the said ground to three Spanish oakes marked & Standing triangular close to the back line of the land late of Coll: John Mottrom decd but now in the occupacon of the aforesd John Wright thence easterly down the said Mottroms line to a small creek known by the name of Barrs's Creek and issueth into the aforesd. Oshter Creek thence down the same on the West side thereof along the meanders of the said Creek to the mouth of the Cove before menconed to be begun at includeing the old plantacon aforesaid together with the plantacon whereon Wm Haslerigg is now seated containeing three hundred acres of land (be the same more or less) and is part of the same tract of land whereon I now live which formerly was the right & inheritance of the aforesaid John Mottrom together with all & singular the houses outhouses orchards fences gardens way's water water courses woods under woods profits priviledges conveniences hereditaments emoluments & appurtenances whatsoever: to the said hereby given & granted land & prmisses belonging or in any way's of right appurtaineing and all the estate right title interest property claime & demand whatsoever of me the said John Wright my heires &c. of in & to the same and every part & parcell thereof with the revercon & revercons remainder & remainders rents issues & profits thereof the rents & profits of the aforesd. granted lands & prmisses with the appurtenances already grown or which hereafter shall grow & become due & owing for the same or any part thereof by any wayes or meanes whatsoever for & dureing & untill the sd. Richd. Wright shall attaine & be of the full age of eighteen yeares alwayes reserved excepted & foreprized out of this present guift grant & confirmacon to & for the only sole use benefitt & advantage of me the said John Wright my heires &c: To have and to hold the said three hundred acres of land (be the same more or less) with all & singular the prmisses herein before menconed meant or intended to be herein or hereby given granted & confirmed and every part & parcell thereof with their & every of their appurtenances (except before excepted) unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever to the only sole

proper use benefitt and advantage of him the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever more To be holden of the cheif Lord or Lords of the fee or fees by the rents & services for the same due & of right accustomed to be paid and I the sd. John Wright for my selfe my heires &c. doe hereby covenant promise and grant to & with the sd. Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten that the aforesd. land and prmisses with their & every of their appurtenances now is & from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter shall be & remaine free & clear and freely & clearly acquitted exonerated & discharged of & from all former & other gifts grants bargaines sales joyntures dowers morgages extents execucons & other incumbrance or incumbrances whatsoever had made comitted done or suffered or which hereafter may be had made done or suffered by me the said John Wright my heires or assignes or by any other person or persons whatsoever by our or any of our consents privity or procurement and further that I the said John Wright the aforesaid land & prmisses with their & every of their appurtenances as well against me the said John Wright my heires &c: as against all other person or persons whatsoever claimeing or pretending to claime from by or under us any or either of us (any part or parcell of the aforesaid land & prmisses) unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten shall & will warrant and by these presents for ever defend and lastly that I the sd. Wright will acknowledge this presen grant in due form of law in Westmorland County Court to the end the same may be recorded and alsoe that my wife Dorothy shall relinquish her right of dower & thirds at the comon law in & to the said lands & prmisses. In Witness & confirmacon whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & affixed my seale this twenty second day of September in the thirteenth yeare of the reign of our Sovereigne Lady Anne of great Britaine &c. and in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & fourteen

Sealed & delivered	)	J: Wright
in presence of)	
Nath Pope)	
W: Sturman)	

Westmorld SS

At a Court held for the sd. County the 29th day of Sept 1714 John Wright Gentl: personally acknowledged the above Instrument to be his proper act & deed to be & enure to the uses above in the same specified which Youell Watkins accepted in behalfe of Richard Wright and the sd. Watkins alsoe by a power from Dorothy wife of the said John (being duely proved) relinquished the right of dower & thirds of the said Dorothy at the comon law in and to the lands and prmisses above menconed.

Test
Tho: Sorrell DC Cfed

Recordatz 27" die Novoris 1714"

Pr. Eundm Cluum"

On September 22, 1714, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/350
Dorothy Wright relinquished her dower interest in 300 acres of land gifted by her
husband John Wright to his brother Richard Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that I Dorothy Wright wife of John Wright of
Cople parish in the County of Westmorlnd Gentl: have made constituted and in
my place & stead put my good friend Youell Watkins of the County aforesaid my
attorney for me & in my name to appeare at the said County Court and in my
behalf relinuish my right and title of dower of in & unto three hundred acres of
land (be the same more or less) given by my said husband to his brother Richd.
Wright as by deed dated even with these prSents may appeare and for doing
the same this shall be my attorneys sufficient warrant Wittness my hand & seale
this 22d day of Sept anno Dmi 1714

Sealed & delivered in) Dorothy Wright
presence of)
Wm Rice mar Jno. Mucknockells mar
Westmrld ss the 29th Sept. 1714

The within power was proved by the oath of John Mucknockells and ordered to
be recorded and was recorded the 27th day of November next following

Pr. Tho: Sorrell D Cl prd"

The joinder of Dorothy (____) Wright in Westmoreland County Deed 5/332 and
her waiver of dower in Westmoreland County Deed 5/330 indicate that the marriage of
John Wright and Dorothy (____) Wright had occurred prior to September 22, 1714.

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Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on April 27,
1715, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1705-1721/259, John Wright was
appointed surveyor of the highway:

"Westmoreland Orders, &c., 1705 to 1721, p. 259d]:

Court of 27 April 1715. Upon the Peticon of John Bushrod Gentl. he is acquitt
from Serving as Surveyour of the highway. And by his appointment John Wright
gentl. is appointed Surveyor of the same for that prcinct he last served in. And it
is ordered he amend & repaire the highways within the said precinct according to
Law."

On May 29, 1716, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/528, John
Wright purchased from John Pratt a tract of land in Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made the twenty ninth day of May one thousand seven hundred & Sixteen Between Mr. John Pratt of the county of Westmorld of the one part and John Wright of the same county of the other Witnesseth that the sd John Pratt for divers good causes & consideracons & more especially for & in consideracon of the sum of one shilling of true & lawfull money of england to him in hand paid by the said John Wright at & before the ensealing & delivery these prsents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath bargained and Sold and by these prsents doth bargain & Sell unto the sd John Wright all his right title benefit property claime & demand whatsoever of in & to all and singular one certaine tract of land it being part of a tract of land I bought of Sarah Howson Calvart & Thomas Porter & Anne his wife all that part being on the south side the old usual horse road from Jordans Bridge to a marked white oak Standing near the sd road Soe along the sd Wrights old reputed bounds with all houses & tole houses edifices buildings gardens orchards fences woods & underwoods ways water & water courses priviledges & conveniences whatsoever to the sd tract or pcell of land & tenement mesuages & hereditaments and all & Singular the prmises aforesd and to every part & parcell thereof belonging or in any wayes appertaining & profetts thereof and all the estate right title intrest benefitts properties & demands whatsoever of him the sd. John Pratt of in & to the Same and of & every part & parcell thereof to have and to hold of all & Singular the tract & parcell of land and prmises and every part & parcell thereof aforesd hereby bargained & Sold or menconed or intended to be hereby bargained & Sold unto the sd John Wright his heires or assignes forever from the day of the date hereof for & dureing & untill the term of one whole yeare thence next ensuing & fully to be compleated yeilding and paying therefore the sem of one eare of corn the first day of the birth of our lord God next ensuing if the same shall be Lawfully demanded to the end & intent and purpose that by virtue of these prsents of the statute for transferring uses inpossession the sd John Wright may be in actual possession of the sd prmises and be hereby enabled to accept & grant of the Inheritance thereof to him & his heirs forever In Witness whereof the sd Jno. Pratt hath sett his hand & fixed his seale the day & yeare above written.

Jno Pratt

Westmrlld ss

At a court held for the sd County the 30th day of May 1716

John Pratt Personally acknowledged the above instrument to be his proper act & deed to enure to the use & uses therein contained."

This was probably a purchase by 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, who was the only John Wright known to be then living in Westmoreland County and old enough to purchase land and for whom John Pratt had acted as a witness to a deed in 1707.

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Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that on February 22, 1720, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, C.O.B. 1705-1721/399, John Wright was appointed a Justice for Westmoreland County:

"Westmoreland Orders, &c., 1705 to 1721, p. 399]:

At a Court held for the Said County the 22th day of ffeb'ry 1720.

. . . .

Pursueant to a Commission of the Peace under the hand of Alexr Spotswood his Majties Lieut Govr of Virga and a Dedims under the Same hand for Administering the oaths to the Justices in the sd Comission nominated (dated the 23d Day of December 1720) Augt Washington & George Turberville Administred all the above oaths As Also: to John jjWright, And each & Every of the above named Justices Subscribed the Test. According to the Direcons of the aforementioned Dedimus.

. . . .

23d ffeby 1720. Henry Ashton, Thomas Newton, Geo: Turberville, Thomas Lee, Jno Wright, Wm Lord, Gentl: Justices &c. Court Proclaimed."

On August 27, 1723, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 7/292, John Wright and his wife Dorothy Wright exchanged 800 acres of his land in Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, for 1000 acres of land owned by Henry Lee in Stafford County:

"This Indenture made the twenty seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three and in the tenth year of the reign of Our sovereign Lord George of Great Britaine France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c Between John Wright of the County of Westmorld in Virginia gentleman of the One part and Henry Lee of the County of Westmorld aforesaid gentleman of the Other part Witnesseth that the said John Wright for and in consideracon of the Exchange for One thousand acres of land in Stafford County scituate lying and being on Powells run whereon the said Henry Lee hath now a plantacon or quarter as also for the Consideration of two hundred pounds sterl: money of great Britain ten thousand pounds of Tobacco and five negro or mulatto slaves all which to the said John Wright in hand paid or Well and sufficiently secured to be paid the receipt Whereof he the said John Wright doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and every part thereof doth acquit exonerate and discharge him the said Henry Lee his heires and assignes forever, have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed and Confirmed and do by these psents give grant sell Alien enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Henry Lee his heires and assignes forever One peice parcell tract or dividend of land scituate lying and being in Cople parish in the aforesaid County of Westmorld and on the mouth of lower Machotique river Containing by estimacon eight hundred acres be the same mor or less being part of a pattent of land formerly granted to Mr John Mottrom by pattent bearing date the thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord sixteen hundred and fifty and since by several mean Conveyances or decents become the proper right and inheritance of the said John Wright and is

the plantacon and tract of land whereon he now lives (excepting one half acre of the said land being the grave yard on the manour plantacon where Majr Francis Wright father of the said John is buried as also One other part of the said dividend of land Known by the name of time Neck which the said John Wright hath allready given to his brother Richard Wright by deeds bearing date the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fourteen which said deeds are recorded in the County Court records of Westmorland which may fully appear recourse being thereunto had. To have and to hold the said land tenements houses Orchards gardens pastures wayes woods and underwoods waters and water Courses on and upon the land and prmisses with the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way's appurtaining (except before excepted) unto the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns forever and the said John Wright for himself his heires executors administrators and assigns doth covenant grant and agree to and with the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns by these psents in maner and form following that is to say that he the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peaceably actually and quietly have hold use Occupy and enjoy the aforesaid Land tenements houses Orchards gardens Pastures ways woods and underwoods with all rights members and appurtenances to the prmisses belonging or in any ways appurtaining without any Lett suites trouble Molestacon eviccon ejeccon or interrupcon of the said John Wright or his heires or assigns or of or from any Other person or persons whatsoever having or lawfully Claiming to have any estate right title or interest term Claim Challenge or demand of in and to the same and every or any part thereof and that freed and acquitted and discharged or Well and sufficiently saved and kept harmless by the said John Wright his heires executors, administrators or assigns of and from all former and Other grants bargaines sales feoffments mortgages Joyntures dowers and titles of dower Cases Judgments execucons post fines amerciments rent charge and all arrearages of rents and quitt rents and of and from all other titles troubles charges and incumbrances whatsoever had made Omitted Comitted suffured or done by the said John Wright or by any Other person or persons whatsoever and that the said John Wright at the time of the ensealing and delivery hereof hath in himself a good right or estate in fee simple of in and unto the land and prmisses with the appurtenances before menconed and further the said John Wright doth for himself his heires Executors administrators or assigns and every of them hereby Covenant grant and agree to and with the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns and every of them that he the said John Wright his heires Exs & admrs & every of them shall & will pass & execute such Other deed & deeds Conveyances and assureances in the Law for the better and more sure makeing Over an estate in fee Simple unto the said Henry Lee his heires and assigns of in and unto the said Land and premisses as he the said Henry Lee his heires or assigns or their Council learned in the Law shall reasonably devise advise or require to be done at the proper cost and charge of him the said Henry Lee his heires or assigns and that the said John Wright do personall appear at the next Court to be held for the County of Westmorld aforesaid and their in Open Court

acknowledge this deed of sale to Henry Lee his heires and assignes and also that Dorothy wife of the said John Wright shall at the Court aforesaid Relinquish her right of dower and thirds of the aforesaid land and prmisses unto the aforesaid Henry Lee his heires &c. In Witness whereof the parties to these prsents have interchangeably sett their hands and affixed their seales the day and year first above Written. J Wright signed sealed and delivered in presence of G. Turberville, John Poindexter Daniel Jenings. Memordm That on the 27th day of August Annogr Dmi 1723 - the within named John Wright (being in possession of the lands and prmisses within menconed quiet peaceable and actual possession and seizen of the same land and appurtenances did give to the within named Henry Lee by delivering him turff and twigg on the same in the name and token of livery and seizin of the whole menconed conveyed land and prmisses in presence of G. Turberville, Daniel Jenings, Jno Poindexter - J. Wright Received of the within named Henry Lee the full consideracon for the lands and prmisses within menconed and I do hereby discharge him the said Henry Lee his heires &c from any further or future claime for the same. Wittness my hand this 27th day of August annogr. Dimi 1723 - J Wright - G. Turberville, Daniel Jenings Jno Poindexter

Westmorld County SS

At a court held for the said County the 28th day of August 1723 - John Wright gentleman personally acknowledged this exchange and sale of Land from him to Henry Lee gentleman to be his proper act and deed together with the livery and seizen and receipt of Consideracon money thereon endorsed. And Thomas Sorrell by virtue of a power of attorney proved by the Wittnesses relinquished the dower and thirds at the Comon Law of Dorothy wife of the said John in and to the lands and prmisses by the said deed Conveyed all which at the instance of the said Lee is admitt to record

Test:
Tho Sorrell CC Coms Wld

Recordate Nono die Septimbris 1723

Pr Eundm Cluum

Know all men by these presents that I Dorothy Wright wife of John Wright of Cople parish in Westmoreland County Gentleman do by these presents depute Constitute and appoint my trusty and wellbeloved friend Mr Thomas Sorrell to appear at the next Court to be held for the aforesaid County of Westmoreland for me and in my stead and place and there in Open Court acknowledge and relinquish my right of dower and thirds of in and unto all that piece parcell dividend or tract of land menconed and comprized in a deed of sale passed from my husband John Wright to Capt Henry Lee of the County of Westmoreland aforesaid bearing date the twenty seventh day of August One thousand seven hundred and twenty three being equal with these psents and I do hereby ratify

Confirm and hold firm and stable whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do and perform concerning the premises. In Testimony whereof I do hereunto sett my hand and affix my seal this 27th day of August Annoq Dom 1723. Dorothy Wright signed sealed and delivered in presence of G Turberville John Poindexter

Westmorl'd Ss

At a Court held for the said County the 28th day of August 1723. The above letter of Attorney was proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses and admitted to record upon the mocon of Henry Lee gentl. and was recorded the ninth day of September 1723.

Pr Tho Sorrell Clu Comprd"

Virginia Will Records, From The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly, published in 1993, in "Stafford County Wills, Administrations, Inventories, Etc. 1654-1760" listed the inventory of the estate of John Wright in 1729 to 1730:

"
John Wright, dec'd. 1729/30.
. . . ."

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, stated that the Index of Stafford County, Virginia, Will Book K/269, listed the inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Wright:

". . . ."Liber K. 1721 to 1730." and "Liber L. 1728 to 1731" - the original books of the recording of wills, administrations, appraisals, inventories, settlements, and distributions of the estates of testates and intestates, and of orders of court, etc., of the county of Stafford are among the record books of that county between 1709 and 1744 long since lost. The alphabetical index to the documents recorded in Liber K is still extant down to a portion of the entries under the letter W. The index to Liber L is preserved except for the letters A and B. The extant index to both libers is entitled, "General Index, 1721-45," and the indexes to libers K and L follow one another. The index to Liber K indicates that the lost book comprised a little over 300 pages of records. Near the end of the lost Liber K, 1721 to 1730, at its page 269, was recorded, as the extant index to that liber bears witness, "John Wright's Inventory, 269." The position of page 269 in the lost book shows that the inventory was taken, presented in court, accepted, and ordered recorded in 1729 or 1730. . . . Directly beneath the index entry referring to the inventory as having been recorded at page 269 of the lost Liber K, is another entry, viz., "Wright's A/C vs Wright's Estate - 285." . . . The

two entries in the index to K, entered near the bottom of the aforesaid W page, singularly enough, are the two last entries under the letter W in the index. The pages of the index, on which were the remaining entries under W and the entries under S, Y, and Z are now missing. So whether there were other entries regarding the estate of John³ Wright in the index is now indeterminable. The next page remaining in the index is that on which begin the entries for the letter C in Liber L - the pages that bore the entries under A and B in Liber L being also gone. There is no John Wright entry under W in the index to Liber L. . . ."

On May 28, 1739, at Prince William County, Virginia, D.B. D/129, Francis Wright and his wife Anne Wright sold to Benjamin Grayson one-third of the 1000 acres of land inherited by him from his father 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, as more fully set forth below. This one-third was probably the dower interest of Dorothy (____) Wright in that land and indicates that Dorothy (____) Wright had died before that date, thereby terminating her life estate in that one-third of the land.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, identified Dorothy (Awbrey) Wright, the daughter of Richard Awbrey and granddaughter of Henry Awbrey, as the wife of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County. This identification was based on circumstantial evidence and Hoppin then went on to draw a number of other conclusions about this Wright family based on that identification. However, that identification was incorrect. The documentary evidence refuting this identification is set forth in The Identification Of 1792 John Wright Of Fauquier County As Not The Son Of 1729/30 John Wright Of Stafford County by this author. As set forth in that work, Dorothy Awbrey, the daughter of Richard Awbrey and granddaughter of Henry Awbrey, was married to John Billups before March 11, 1713/14, and was still married to him on February 21, 1715/16, and as set forth above, Dorothy (____) Wright was married to 1729/30 John Wright on September 22, 1714. The result is that Dorothy Awbrey, the daughter of Richard Awbrey and granddaughter of Henry Awbrey, could not have been the wife of 1729/30 John Wright. The maiden name of Dorothy (____) Wright, the wife of 1729/30 John Wright, has not as yet been found.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, also identified 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County as a son of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County. However, that identification was also incorrect. The documentary and Y-DNA evidence

refuting this identification is also set forth in The Identification Of 1792 John Wright Of Fauquier County As Not The Son Of 1729/30 John Wright Of Stafford County by this author. As set forth in that work and in the Results Page of the Wright DNA Project at <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Wright?iframe=yresults>. the descendants of 1663 Richard Wright of Northumberland County and his grandsons 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County and 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County are part of Haplogroup J2-M172, Group 1, and the descendants of 1792 John Wright of Fauquier County are part of Haplogroup R-M269, Group 1, and the two families are, therefore, biologically unrelated.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the only child of John Wright and Dorothy (____) Wright was the following:

1) Francis Wright, probably after October 7, 1709, probably in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

a. 1742 Francis Wright Of Prince William County, His Wife Anne (Massey) (Wright) Stribling, And His Descendants

1742 Francis Wright of Prince William County was a son of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County and Dorothy (____) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1729/30 John⁴)

As set forth above, the absence of the joinder of Dorothy (____) Wright in Westmoreland County Deed 5/153 indicates that the marriage of John Wright and Dorothy (____) Wright was probably after October 7, 1709. That in turn indicates that Francis Wright was probably born after that date. and since John Wright resided in Westmoreland County, Virginia, until 1723, the place of birth of Francis Wright was probably in Westmoreland County.

As set forth above, on August 27, 1723, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 7/292, John Wright and his wife Dorothy Wright exchanged their 800 acres in Westmoreland County with Henry Lee for Lee's 1000 acres of land in Stafford County. As a minor child, Francis Wright would probably have moved with his parents in about 1723 to Stafford County.

On February 1, 1727, Prince William County was formed in part from Stafford County.

The Register of St. Paul's Parish 1715-1798, Stafford County, Virginia

1715-1776, King George County, Virginia 1777-1798, compiled by George H.S. King, listed the marriage of Francis Wright and Anne Massey on December 7, 1737, in Stafford County, Virginia:

"Anne Massey and Francis Wright, Dec. 7, 1737."

On May 28, 1739, at Prince William County, Virginia, D.B. D/129, Francis Wright and his wife Anne Wright of Prince William County, Virginia, sold to Benjamin Grayson one-third of the 1000 acres of land inherited by him from his father 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County:

"This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine Between Francis Wright of the parish of Hamilton in the County of Prince William planter & Anne his wife of the one part and Benjamin Grayson of the parish & County aforesaid Gent. of the other part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright & Anne his wife for & in Consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling to the said Francis Wright in hand paid by the said Benjamin Grayson at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents this receipt whereof he the said Francis Wright doth hereby acknowledge and thereof & of every part & parcel thereof doth hereby exonerate acquit & discharge the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs Executors & Adminrs. for ever by these presents have & each of them hath Granted bargained sold aliened remised released & confirmed and by these presents do & each of them doth Grant bargain sell alien remise release & confirm unto the said Benjamin Grayson (in his actual possession now being by virtue of a Lease thereof made for one whole year by Indenture bearing date the day before the day of the date of these presents & by force of the Statute for Transferring Uses into possession) & to his heirs & Assigns for ever all that plantation tract or parcel of land containing three hundred & thirty three acres situate lying & being on Powels Creek in the County of Prince William aforesaid, it being the third part of one thousand acres of land formerly sold & conveyed by Henry Lee unto John Wright deced. father to the afsd. Francis Wright party to these presents as by Deed dated the twenty fifth day of June MDCCXXV doth & may more fully & at large appear and is bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at divers marked Saplings nigh the stump of an Hicory corner to the land of Burbridge at Muscle Island & extending thence North two hundred & forty four poles to a Spanish Red Oak thence North fifty two degree West three hundred & six poles to a Box Oak Saplin & a Red Oak on an Ivy point, then South nine degrees East three hundred sixty three poles to powels Creek thence down the Creek the several meanders thereof to the beginning. Together with all Houses orchards gardens fences woods underwoods trees ways waters water courses marishes meadows lowgrounds pastures feedings easements profits commodities advantages emoluments privileges & appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining or which now are or formerly have been accepted held reputed taken known used occupied or enjoyed as part parcel or member thereof or of any part thereof and the reversion & reversions, remainder

& remainders rents issues & profits of the said land & premisses or of any part & parcel thereof and all the Estate right title interest claim & demand whatsoever as well in Law as in Equity of them the said Francis Wright & Anne his wife or either of them of in & to all & singular the said premisses & of in & to every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances. And also all Deeds evidences & writings touching or concerning the said premisses with the appurtenances or any part thereof. To have and to hold the said three hundred & thirty three acres of land & premisses with the appurtenances abovementioned unto the said Benjamin Grayson & his heirs to the only proper use & behoof of the sd. Benjamin Grayson his heirs & Assigns for ever. And the said Francis Wright & Anne his wife for themselves their & either of their Heirs Exrs. & Admrs. do covenant & agree to & with the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & Assigns that he the said Francis Wright now is the true lawful & rightful owner of the said lands hereditaments & premisses abovementioned & every part thereof with the appurtenances & that he is now lawfully & rightfully Seised in his own right of a good sure perfect absolute & indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple of & in all & singular the premisses aforesaid with the appurtenances, & that it shall & may be lawful to & for the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & assigns from time to time & at all times for ever hereafter peaceably & quietly to enter into & upon have hold use occupy possess & enjoy to his & their proper use & behoof the abovementioned tract of land & premisses with the appurtenances without any lawful let suit trouble denial interruption expulsion claim or demand whatsoever of them the said Francis Wright & Anne his wife or either of them their or either of their heirs or Assigns or any other person or persons whatsoever. And that he the said Francis Wright now hath good right full power & lawful authority to sell & dispose of the said land & premisses with the appurtenances unto the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & assigns in manner & form aforesaid. And that the same is free & clear & freely & clearly exonerated & discharged of & from all former & other bargains sales gifts grants jointures dowers titles of dower statutes judgments executions mortgages rents & arrearages of rents and all other charges and incumbrances whatsoever. And further that he the said Francis Wright & his heirs the said hereby granted land & premisses with the appurtenances unto him the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & assigns against the lawful claim of all & all manner of person or persons whatsoever shall & will warrant & for ever defend by these presents. And lastly that he the said Francis Wright & his heirs shall & will at any time hereafter upon the reasonable request & at the cost & charges in the Law of the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & Assigns do make levy acknowledge execute & suffer, or cause or procure to be done made levied acknowledged executed & suffered all & every such further lawful & reasonable Act & Acts Assurance & Assurances, Conveyance & Conveyances Device & Devices in the Law whatsoever for the further better & more absolute assuring & conveying the abovementioned three hundred & thirty three acres of land and all & singular other the premisses with the appurtenances meant or intended to be hereby Granted bargained & sold & every part thereof unto the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & assigns to his & their own proper use & behoof for ever, as by the said Benjamin Grayson his heirs & assigns or his or their Council learned in the Law shall be devised

advised or reasonably required. In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & year first above writteh

Sealed and Delivered
in presence of
Thos. Harrison Junr
Will Dent
Moses Linton
John Eurley

Frans. Wright
her
Anne X Wright
mark

Received of Benjamin Grayson the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling being the Consideration within expressed to be paid to me for the land & premisses within mentioned. As witness my hand the twenty eighth day of May MDCCXXXIX.

Witness present
Tho. Harrison Junr
Will Dent
Moses Linton
John Eurley

Francis Wright

At a Court held for Prince William County May 23d 1739.

Francis Wright & Anne his wife (she being first privately Examined) acknowledged this Release to be their Act & deed Francis Wright also acknowledged the receipt endorsed to be his Act & deed & they were thereupon admitted to Record

Teste
Catesby Cooke Cl Cur"

This was probably the dower interest of his mother Dorothy (____) Wright in the land owned by his father.

On May 27, 1739, at Prince William County, Virginia, D.B. D/132, Francis Wright purchased from Benjamin and Susanna Grayson by deed of lease and release 711 acres of land on Bull Run:

"This Indenture made the twenty seventh Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine Between Benjamin Grayson of the County of Prince William in the Colony of Virginia Gent. of the one part and Francis Wright of the County & Colony aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Benjamin Grayson for & in Consideration of the sum of five shillings Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Francis Wright at & before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hath bargained & sold and by these presents doth bargain & sell unto the said Francis

Wright all that tract & piece or parcel of land with the appurtenances formerly Granted to the said Benjamin Grayson by Deed from the proprietors of the Northern neck of Virginia dated the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty one, situate lying & being in the County of Prince William aforeaid upon a branch of the North fork of Bull run on the ridge joyning upon the branches of Elk licking run & bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at (A) 2 White Oaks on the S.E. side of the Walnut branch of the North fork of Bull run & extending thence No. 61½ d W. 240 poles to (B) a White Oak Saplin thence North 180 po. to a Red Oak Saplin then So. 54 d E. 450 po. to a White Oak thence No. 38½ d E 112 poles to a White Oak in a Savanna, thence S. 50 d. E 248 po. to a White Oak at the head of a drain of Elk licking run thence So. 202 poles to 2 Hickorys thence No. E 1½ W. 480 po. to the beginning containing & being laid out for seven hundred & eleven acres. Together with all Houses orchards gardens fences, woods underwoods trees ways paths waters water courses profits commoditys hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever to the said land & premisses belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion & Reversions & Remainder & Remainders rents issues & profits of the said premisses hereby granted & of every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances To have and to hold the said land & premisses with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright his Exrs. Admrs. & Assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for & during & until the full end & term of one whole year from thence next ensuing & fully to be compleat & ended Yeilding and paying therefore the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn on the Feast of St. Michael the Arch Angel if demanded to the intent that by virtue of these presents and by force of the Statute for Transferring Uses into possessions the said Francis Wright may be in the actual possession of the said land & premisses with the appurtenances & be thereby enabled to take & accept of a Grant & Release of the Reversion & Inheritance thereof to him the said Francis Wright his heirs & Assigns for ever. In Witness whereof the said Benjamin Grayson hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered (the Benja. Grayson
above mentioned five shillings
Sterling being first paid) in
presence of
Thos. Harrison Junr.
Will Dent
John Turley
Moses Linton

At a Court held for Prince William County May 28" 1739. Benjamin Grayson Gent. acknowledged this Lease to be his Act & deed and it was thereupon admitted to Record.

Test
Catesby Cooke Cl Cur.

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine Between Benjamin Grayson of the County of Prince William Gent. and Susanna his wife of the one part and Francis Wright of the County aforesd. of the other part Witnesseth that the said Benjamin Grayson & Susanna his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds to the said Benjamin Grayson in hand paid by the said Francis Wright at & before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Benjamin Grayson doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part & parcel thereof doth hereby exonerate acquit & for ever discharge the said Francis Wright his heirs Exrs. Admrs. by these presents have & each of them hath Granted bargained sold aliened remised released & confirmed and by these presents do & each of them doth Grant bargain sell alien remise release & confirm unto the said Francis Wright (in his actual possession now being by virtue of a Lease thereof made by Indenture bearing date the day before the day of the date of these presents for one whole year & by force of the Statute for Transferring Uses into possessions) and to his heirs & Assigns for ever all that plantation tract or parcel of land containing seven hundred & eleven acres with the appurtenances formerly Granted to the said Benjamin Grayson by Deed from the proprietors Office of the Northern neck of Virginia dated the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty one situate lying & being in the County of Prince William aforesaid upon a branch of the North fork of Bull run on the ridge joyning upon the branches of Elk licking run & bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at A two White Oaks on the S.E. side of the Walnut branch of the North Fork of Bull run & extending thence No 61½ d. W. 240 poles to B a White Oak Saplin thence North 180 poles to a Red Oak Saplin then So. 54 d E. 450 poles to 2 White Oaks thence No. 38½ d E. 112 poles to a White Oak in a Savanna thence So. 50 d. E 248 poles to a White Oak at the head of a drain of Elk licking run thence So. 202 poles to 2 Hickorys thence No. 61½ d W. 480 poles to the beginning, containing & being laid out for seven hundred & eleven acres. Together with all Houses edifices gardens orchards woods underwoods trees ways paths waters water courses meadows pastures easements profits commodities advantages emoluments privileges & appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining or which now are or formerly have been accepted held reputed taken or enjoyed as part parcel or member thereof and the Reversion & Reversions Remainder & Remainders rents issues & profits of the said land & premises or of any part or parcel thereof. And all the Estate right title interest property claim challenge & demand whatsoever both in Law & Equity of the said Benjamin Grayson & Susanna his wife or either of them of in & to the said land & premises with the appurtenances & every part parcel & member thereof. And all Deeds Evidences & writings whatsoever touching & concerning the said granted land & premises or any part thereof To have and to hold the said land & premisses with all & singular the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright his heirs & Assigns to the only proper use & behoof of him the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns for ever. And the said Benjamin Grayson for himself his heirs Exrs. & Admrs. doth hereby covenant promise grant & agree to & with the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns in manner following that is to say that he the

said Benjamin Grayson at the time of executing these presents is & stands Seised of a good and absolute & indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of & in the hereby or intended to be hereby bargained & sold premises with the appurtenances without any manner of condition limitation or incumbrance to defeat charge alter or determine the same. And that the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns may & shall from time to time & at all times hereafter have hold occupy possess & enjoy the hereby bargained & sold premisses with the appurtenances without the lawful let suit trouble eviction molestation or disturbance of him the said Benjamin Grayson & Susanna his wife their or either of their heirs Exrs. Admrs. or Assigns or of any other person or persons whatsoever. And further that the said Benjamin Grayson & his heirs the said hereby grante & sold lands & premisses with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright his heirs & Assigns against him the said Benjamin Grayson & his heirs & all & every other person or persons whatsoever shall & will warrant & for ever defend by these presents. And lastly that the said Benjamin Grayson & his heirs shall & will from time to time & at all times for ever hereafter upon the reasonable request & at the costs & charges in the law of the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns make do suffer & execute or cause or procure to be made done suffered and executed all & every such further & other lawful & reasonable act & acts thing & things conveyances & assurances in the Law whatsoever for the better & more perfect assuring & conveying the said hereby bargained & sold premisses with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright his heirs & Assigns for ever as by the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns or his or their Council learned in the Law shall be devised advised or reasonably required. In Witness whereof the said Benjamin Grayson & Susanna his wife have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first above writteh.

Sealed & Delivered in
presence of (the words
[of the other part]
being first interlined)
Thos. Harrison Jnr.
Will Dent
Moses Linton
John Turley.

Benjn. Grayson
her
Susana X Grayson
mark

Received of Francis Wright the within mentioned sum of one hundred pounds being the Consideration mentioned in the within Deed to be paid by him to me on the perfection thereof. Witness my hand this twenty eighth day of May 1739

Witness present
Thos. Harrison Junr.
Will Dent
Moses Linton
John Turley

Benjn. Grayson

At a Court held for Prince William County May 28' 1739. Benjamin Grayson &

Susanna his wife (she being first privately Examined) acknowledged this Release to be their Act & deed, then Benjamin Grayson acknowledged the receipt endorsed to be his Act & deed and they were thereupon admitted to Record

Test
Catesby Cook Cl Cur"

On July 27, 1741, at Prince William County, Virginia, D.B. E/339, Francis Wright sold to Henry Lee the remaining 667 acres of the land inherited from his father 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County and which had previously been sold by Henry Lee to Francis Wright's father:

"This Indenture made the twenty Seventh day of July in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c Annog Domini One thousand Seven hundred & forty one Between Francis Wright of Hamilton parish in Prince William County planter of the one part & Henry Lee of Cople parish in Westmorland County Gent of the other part Witnesseth that for & in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred and Sixty pounds Current money of Virginia in hand paid to the said Francis Wright by the said Henry Lee the receipt whereof he the Said Francis Wright doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & therefrom doth Release acquit & discharge the said Henry Lee his heirs Executors & admrs. by these presents he the said Francis Wright hath given Granted Enfeofed & Confirmed and by these presents doth give grant enfeof & Confirm unto the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes for ever all that Messuage or Tenement of Land with the rights members and appurtenances thereof containing Six hundred Sixty Seven acres Scituate lying & being in the aforesaid parish of Hamilton & County of Prince William & is bounded or incuded between two Creeks now known & Called by the names of powels Creek & Nyapscoe Creek also binding on a parcel of Land the said Francis Wright sold to Mr. Benjamin Gresham the said Six hundred and Sixty Seven acres of Land being part of One thousand acres of Land Conveyed by the abovesaid Henry Lee to John Wright (father of the aforesaid Francis) in fee Simple as by Deed dated the twelfth day of June annog Domini One thousand Seven hundred & twenty five relation being thereunto _____ more fully & at Large appear & the said John Wright father of the said Francis Wright dying intestate the said Francis Wright as his eldest Son is heir at Law to the said Land & all houses edifices buildings plantations Lands Gardens meadows Commons pastures feedings orchards trees woods underwoods Ways paths waters and water Courses profits Commodities Advantages Emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said messuage or Tenement belonging or in any wise Appertaining & also the reversion and reversions remainder and Remainders rents & Services of all and Singular the said premisses abovementioned and of every part & parcel thereof with the Appurtenances & also all the Estate right titles interest Claim & Demand whatsoever as well in Equity as in Law of him the said Francis Wright of in & to the said Six hundred Sixty Seven acres of Land & all and Singular the said

premises & of in & to every part & parcel thereof To have and to hold the said Six hundred Sixty Seven acres of Land & all and Singular the premises hereby Granted or mentioned & every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes forever & the said Francis Wright doth grant for himself and his heirs that he and they the said Six hundred Sixty Seven acres of Land & other the before granted premises with their appurtenances unto the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes against him the said Francis Wright his heirs or Assignes and every of them and every or any person or persons Claiming by from or under them Shall and will warrant & for ever Defend by these presents & that he the said Francis Wright hath now good right full power and Lawfull Authority to grant bargain Sell and Convey the said messuages Lands Tenements hereditaments & all and Singular the above premises unto the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes for ever according to the true intent & meaning of these presents and also that he the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes shall & may at all times hereafter for ever peaceably have hold occupy possess and enjoy all and Singular the said premises abovementioned with the appertenances without the Let trouble hindrance molestation interruption & Denyal of him the said Francis Wright his heirs or Assignes & of all and every other person or persons whatsoever & that freed and discharged or otherwise well and Sufficiently kept harmless and indemnified of and from all former Sales Gifts grants Leases Mortgages Jointures Dowers uses wills intails fines postfines Issues Judgments Executions rents and arrearages of rents & of and from all other Estates rights troubles & encumbrances whatsoever had made Committed done or Suffered to be done by him the said Francis Wright or by any other person or persons whatsoever & further the said Francis Wright and his heirs Shall from time to time & at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request & at the Cost & Charges of the said Henry Lee his heirs or Assignes make do and Execute or Cause or procure to be made done & executed all and every Such further act & acts thing & things device and devices Conveyance & Conveyances in the Law whatsoever for the further better & more perfect granting Conveying and Assuring of all and Singular the premises abovementioned with the appurtenances unto the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Henry Lee his heirs and Assignes forever as by the said Henry Lee his heirs or Assignes or his or their Councel Learned in the Law Shall be reasonably devised or advised and required In Witness whereof the parties first above named have hereunto interchangeably Set their hands & Affixed their Seals the day and year first above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the presenceof us
John Frogg
R Blackburn
Wm Elliott.

Francis Wright

Received of the within named Henry Lee the within mentioned Sum of two hundred and Sixty pounds Current money of Virginia being the Consideration mentioned in the within deed of feofment to be paid by him to me as witness my hand this 27th day of July annog Domini One thousand Seven hundred and fourty one.

Present	Francis Wright
John Hamilton	
Wm. Elliott	
R Blackburn	
John Frogg	

Memorandum that this twenty Seventh day of July Annog Domini one thousand Seven hundred forty one peacable And quiet possession and Seisin of the said Land messuage & premisses in the within Deed contained was delivered by the within named Francis Wright to the within named Henry Lee according to the form and effect of the said Deed

in the presence of us
R Blackburn
John Frogg
Wm. Elliott

At a Court held for Prince William County the 27th day of July anno Domini 1741.

Francis Wright acknowledged this deed of feofment Livery of Seisin and receipts to be his acts and deeds & Ann the wife of the said Francis being first privatly Examined relinquished her right of dower to the Land by the said deed Conveyed and they are thereupon Admitted to Record.

Test.
Catesby Cooke Cl Cur"

On July 27, 1741, at Prince William County, Virginia, D.B. E/334, Francis Wright executed his surety bond in favor of Henry Lee to secure the performance of his duties pursuant to Prince William County Deed E/339:

"Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of Prince William County am held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee of Westmorland County gent in the full and just Sum of five hundred & twenty pounds Curr. money of Virginia to the which payment well and truly to be made and done to the said Henry Lee his heirs Executors admrs. or Assignes I and my Self my heirs Executors and Admrs. in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with my Seal & dated this twenty Seventh day of July Annog Domini One thousand Seven hundred and forty one.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Francis

Wright his heirs Exrs. & admrs. do well & truly observe perform accomplish fulfill & keep all and Singular the Covenants grants Articles Clauses Conditions provisoes & agreements Whatsoever which on the part and behalf of the said Francis Wright his heirs Executors and admrs. are or ought to be observed performed accomplished fulfilled and kept Comprised or mentioned in a Certain Indenture of feofment bearing date with these presents made or Expressed to be made between the above bound Francis Wright of the one part & the abovenamed Henry Lee of the other part in all things according to the true intent & meaning of the Same then the above obligation to be void else to remain effectual in the Law.

Signed Sealed & Delivered Francis Wright
in the presence of us.
John Frogg
Wm. Elliott
R Blackburn

At a Court held for Prince William County the 27th day of July 1741 Francis Wright acknowledged this bond to be his act & Deed & it was thereupon admitted to record.

Test.
Catesby Cooke Cl Cur"

The will of Francis Wright was dated on March 29, 1742, probated on September 27, 1742, at Prince William County, Virginia, W.B. C/376, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen March the twenty ninth one thousand Seven hundred & forty two Francis Wright of Prince William County being very Sick & weak but of perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testament & first of all I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who first gave it me & my body I Commit to the ground from whence it came in hopes of an happy resurrection & after my Debts & funeral Charges are paid I dispose of my worldly estate in manner & form following Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my wel beloved wife Ann Wright her choice of half that Tract of back Land to settle on during her Natural life & I being now apprehensive that my beloved wife is pregnant & if it Should prove a boy the other half of the back Land I give unto him & after his mothers decease the whole Tract of Land to fall unto him & the heirs Lawfully begotten of his body for ever but in Case it Should prove a girl the whole property of the Land to belong to my beloved wife During her natural life & afterwards to be equally divided between my three daughters if the last should prove a girl & the heirs Lawfully begotten of their bodies forever & in Case any of them Should die without any such heirs to the next heir at Law my will is that my beloved wife Should peaceably possess all that appertaineth unto me during her natural life Except She should marry & then to possess all untill my Children are of age to choose

the Guardians my will is that after my beloved wifes decease that my negros stock & household goods be equally Divided amongst my Children & the heirs Lawfully begotten of their bodies for ever I do hereby appoint my true & trusty friends Moses Linton of Prince William County & Sigismund Massey of Stafford County Executors & my beloved wife Executrix of this my last Will & Testament during her widowhood but no longer I do utterly disanull all of the former Wills & Legacies by me made & do only acknowledge this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament the day & year above Written the word forever interlined before Signed.

Sealed & Delivered

Francis Wright

in presence of

her

Jane X Colvert

mark

Moses Linton

Jno Bryan

At a Court held for Prince William County September 27" 1742

The within last Will & Testament of Francis Wright Deced was presented in Court by Ann Wright Executrix who made oath according to Law & the Same was proved by the oaths of Moses Linton & Jane Colvert witnesses & admitted to record & on motion of the said Executr & her performing what is usual in Such Cases Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

Test

Catesby Corke Cl Cur"

This record indicates that Francis Wright died between March 29 and September 27, 1742, in Prince William County, Virginia, and that his wife was Ann Wright, and that he had two daughters, who were not named, and a third child who was born after he wrote the will on March 29, 1742. As will be set forth below, those daughters were Elizabeth, Dorothy, and Frances.

On September 27, 1742, at Prince William County, Virginia, W.B. C/377, Ann Wright filed her bond to be appointed executor of will of Francis Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that we Ann Wright Thomas Young & Daniel French are held & firmly bound unto William Fairfax Esqr. the first Justice in the Commission of the peace for Prince William County for & in behalfe to the sole use & behoof of the Justices of the said County & their Successors in the Sum of five hundred pounds Sterling to be paid to the said William Fairfax his Executors adms & Assignes to the which payment well & truly to be made We bind our Selves & every of us our & every of our heirs Executors & adms. Jointly & Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals dated the 27th day of

September 1742

The Condition of this obligation is Such that if the above bound Ann Wright Exrx. of the last Will & Testament of Francis Wright deced do make or cause to be made a true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods chattels and Credits of the said Deced which have or Shall Come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Ann or into the hands & possession of any other person or persons for her & the same so made & Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the County Court of Prince William at Such time as She Shall be thereunto required by the said Court & the Same Goods Chattels and Credits & all other the goods Chattels & credits of the said deced at the time of his Death or which at any time after Shall Come to the hands or possession of the said Ann or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her do well & truly administer according to Law & further do make a just & true account of her actings & doings therein when thereunto required by the said Court & also do well & truly pay & Deliver all the Legacies Contained & Specified in the said Testament as far as the said goods Chattels & Credits will thereunto Extend & the Law shall charge her then the above obligation to be void & of none effect or else to remain in full force & virtue

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of

her
Ann X Wright
mark
Thomas Young
Daniel French

Ann Wright Thomas Young & Daniel French acknowledged this Bond in Prince William County Court the 27^o day of September 1742 to be their act & Deed which is admitted to record

Test
Catesby Corke Cl Cur"

On October 25, 1742, at Prince William County, Virginia, W.B. C/378, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Francis Wright was filed showing an estate valued at £219, 15 shillings, and 4 pence:

"True and perfect Inventory of Francis Wrights Estate			
one white Servant man	£5	0	0
negro man named Robbin	30	0	0
negro man named Ned	28	0	0
negro girl named Peg	18	0	0
young negro woman named Cate	20	0	0
young Do Named Cate	12	0	0
negro boy named Cubbo	12	0	0
one negro woman named Sarah	25	0	0
one young negro Child named Conny	5	0	0

one Ditto named Betty	5	0	0
26 Sheep @ 5 p	6	10	0
6 Cows @ Calves @	7	10	0
To 3 heiffers 3 years old	2	5	0
To 1 Steer 3 year old	0	15	0
To 1 heiffer 2 year old	0	10	0
To 1 barren Cow	1	5	0
To 1 Steer 4 year old	1	5	0
To 1 old horse	1	0	0
To 1 mare & Colt	1	15	0
To 1 horse	3	0	0
To 1 mare	2	0	0
To 1 old Ditto	0	15	0
To 1 young Ditto	1	10	0
To 2 Cow hides	0	6	0
To _____[obsucred]	0	2	6
To 1 mare	2	0	0
To 1 old Ditto	0	15	0
To 1 young Ditto	1	10	0
To 2 Cow hides	0	8	0
To 2 pairs hinges	0	2	6
To a parcel of old iron	1	5	0
To 5 padlocks	0	2	0
To a parcel of old knives & forks	0	2	0
To 1 hone & 2 razors	0	3	0
To a parcel of fish hooks Laucets & Shoemakers Owls	0	1	0
To ½ Doz. Quart Bottles	0	4	6
To 1 old Chest	0	2	0
To 1 feather bed & bolster 1 pair Sheets & rug & 1 blanket	2	0	0
T 1 bedstead	1	5	0
To 1 Small feather bedrug & 3 Sheets	1	5	0
To 1 Xcut Saw	0	10	0
To 1 feather bed & boulster 1 rug 1 blanket & 1 pair Sheets &) 2 pillows)	2	15	0
To 1 bedstead	0	5	0
To 1 old bed & bedstead 1 boulster 1 rug 1 blanket & 1 pair sheets	1	5	0
1 Desk	3	0	0
1 Small Trunk	0	2	0
1 old wills Table	0	2	0
1 old Chest	0	2	6
1 old flag chairs & 1 old Table	0	2	0
To a parcel of Earthen ware brown	0	4	0
To a parcel white Ditto	0	3	6
6 Glasses	0	1	0
To 1 pair Shillards	0	7	0
To a parcel of old Books	0	5	0
To 3 old iron pots & 3 pairs pothooks	0	6	0

To one gull	1	0	0
To one Ditto	0	15	0
To one soard & Bolt	0	5	0
To 38 lb old pewter & one old looking glass	1	5	4
To 2 brass Candlesticks	0	1	6
To 1 Copper Stewpot	0	3	6
To 1 pair firetongs & shovel	0	2	0
To a box iron & 1 heater	0	3	0
To a parcel of Small old Cask	0	7	0
To 1 washing Tub & 3 pails & 1 piggin	0	5	0
To a parcel of Tin	0	5	0
To 2 Sifters	0	0	6
To 1 Rhynd sive & 1 riddling Do	0	3	0
To 1 powdering tub	0	2	6
To one Drumline & hookd	0	1	0
To one mans saddle bridle & housing	0	10	0
	£219	15	4

At a Court held for Prince William County October 25th 1742.

This Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Francis Wright decd was returned & admitted to record.

Test Catsby Corke Cl Cur"

On September 6, 1743, at Prince William County, Virginia, W.B. C/437, William Stribling filed a list of the debts due from the estate of Francis Wright:

"An acct. of debts paid due from the estate of Francis Wright deceased

paid the Bristol Company at Neapsco	£7.	1.	9
paid Collo. John Tayloe Esqr.		10.	7½
Paid Collo. Richd. Blackburn	13.	0.	11
paid Hugh Montgomerie	0.	17.	8
paid Mrs. Grigg	7.	13.	7½
paid John Carr		10.	8½
paid Willm Alphin	0.	4.	0
paid Henry Taylor		27 lb Tobo.	
paid Capt: Cork		80	
paid Do		250	
paid Do		45	
paid the Secretary		40	
paid Collo Blackburn	123		
		415)	331
		84)	358 neet
paid Capt. Ewell 2/6 Cat 331			
paid Richd. Higgins 17/Cask			
paid Mr John Graham Merchant	£28.	16.	1½

William Stribling

At a Court held for the County of Prince William the twenty Sixth day of
September 1743

William Stribling exhibited this account against the estate of Francis Wright
deced to which he made oath and the same being examined by the Court was
allowed of and ordered to be recorded

Test
P. Wagoner Cl Cur"

The filing of this accounting by William Stribling after Ann (Massey) Wright had qualified
as executor of the will of Francis Wright indicates that William Stribling had married Ann
(Massey) Wright after September 27, 1742, and before September 6, 1743.

The will of Henry Lee was dated on July 30, 1746, probated on August 25, 1747,
at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 10/364, and referred to the land purchased
from Francis Wright, the son of John Wright:

" . . . I give and bequeath to my Son, Henry, and to his heirs forever, all my
Plantations and Lands in Prince William County which I have Free Stone Point
and at Neapsco and Powels Creek, which was granted by Patent to Gervas
Dodson for Two thousand acres, and by my Grand Father, Henry Corbin, Gent.,
given to his Daughter, Lettice, who was my Mother, and afterwards descended to
my Brother, Mr. Richard Lee as Heir at Law to her, and by my said Brother given
to me as by Deeds recorded in Stafford County may more fully appear; And
whereas I sold to John Wright, one thousand acres, a part of the said Land, and
since have purchased the same again, vizt. 666 ½ acres of Francis Wright, Son
of the aforesaid John and 333 ½ acres of Mr. Benjamin Grayson to whom the
said Francis had sold, whereby I am now invested with the whole Two thousand
acres of land in fee simple as aforesaid given and bequeathed to my Son, Henry,
and to his heirs forever . . . "

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, compiled by
John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"12. Capt. Dade⁵ Massey . . . married Elizabeth _____, probably daughter of
Capt. Charles Ellis.
Issue: [Massey]

. . . .

25. Anne⁶, born 19 March 1719/20,⁵⁶ married (1), 7 Feb 1737,⁵⁷ Francis Wright,
who left will 29 March 1742-27 Sept. 1742,⁵⁸ and (2) William Stribling, who
signed the accounting of Francis Wright's estate, 26 Sept. 1743;⁵⁹

. . . .

- ⁵⁶ St. Paul's Parish Register.
⁵⁷ St. Paul's Parish Register.
⁵⁸ Prince William Co. Will Bk. C, pp. 376-77.
⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 437.
"

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling were the following:

- 1) Elizabeth Wright, born before March 29, 1742,
- 2) Dorothy or Dorothea (Wright) Winn, born before Mar 29, 1742, and
- 3) Frances (Wright) (Ashby) Obannion, born after Mar 29, 1742.

i. Elizabeth Wright, Possibly Elizabeth (Wright) Stribling
 And Her Husband Taliaferro Stribling

Elizabeth Wright, possibly Elizabeth (Wright) Stribling, was a daughter of 1742 Francis Wright of Prince William County and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1729/30 John⁴, 1742 Francis⁵)

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This day came as well the said Plts as the said Defts by their attorneys & thereupon came also a jury to wit, William Bronaugh Harey Piper, John Kirkpatrick, Charles Mason, John Dalton, Thomas Shane, John Turley, Robert Adam, Daniel Thomas William Peake junr John Hunter & John Moss who to say the truth of the premises being Elected tried and sworn upon their oath do say that the said Defts do not detain the negros aforesd in manner and form as the said Defts in pleading have alledged Therefore it is considered that the said Plts take nothing by their bill but for their false clamour be in mercy & that the said Defts go thereof without day and recover against the said Plts their costs by them about their defence in this behalf sustained & the said Defts have thereof Execution &c"

This record identifies Elizabeth Wright as one of the children of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling.

Some Virginia Families Being Genealogies Of The Kinney Stribling Trout

Mclhany Milton Rogers Tate Snickers Tayor Mccormick and other families of Virginia,

by Hugh Milton Mcllhany, Jr., and published in 1903, listed the following regarding

Taliaferro Stribling:

"§23. Taliaferro Stribling, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Taliaferro Stribling, was born in Stafford County about 1723. In early manhood he moved with his father to Frederick County, and at the latter's death inherited the 600 acre plantation referred to above. This he "and Elizabeth his wife" sold Nov. 7, 1771, the deed stating that the property had been willed to him by his father Thomas Stribling. On Oct. 16, 1771 he purchased the estate called "Hopewell", which descended to his son Francis. His will, made Oct. 4, 1774, was recorded in the Frederick court Dec. 7, 1774. His personal estate, including 30 negroes, was appraised April 24, 1775 at £1569. I have not been able to determine accurately the maiden name of his wife Elizabeth. The uniform tradition in the family has been that this Stribling, name unknown, married a Mary Taliaferro of Gloucester County, sister of the Elizabeth Taliaferro who married Edward Snickers of Frederick (see §91). This could not have been the case. The fact that his own name was Taliaferro and that his mother was Elizabeth Taliaferro is sufficient ground for the tradition. And his wife was certainly named Elizabeth, as shown by the deed referred to above. I conjecture that her name was *Elizabeth Wright*, for the following reasons. Two of their grand-children, *Elizabeth Stribling Wright* Milton and Dr. Matthew Wright Stribling, bore that name, and I know of no other source from which it could have come. Then there is on record in Prince William County, dated March 29, 1742, the will of one Francis Wright, son of John Wright of that County, mentioning his wife *Anne*, and three young daughters, names not given. *Sigismund* Massey of Stafford County, probably a relative of the Striblings, was executor of the will. A short while after the death of Francis

Wright, Thomas Stribling, Sr., was appointed guardian of these children. If Taliaferro Stribling had, about 1755, married one of these daughters, named Elizabeth, with whom he must have been well acquainted, all the facts in the case would be explained, as well as the origin of the name of his only daughter *Anne Milton*.

Taliaferro and Elizabeth Stribling had at least six children. In his will he leaves to his son Francis Stribling "the land whereon I live on condition he pay my son Taliaferro 100£ as soon as he become 21 years of age". After the payment of his just debts, the rest of his estate was to be divided equally among "my six children—Francis, Taliaferro, Ann, Thomas, William and John". From the wording of this will I conclude that Francis, at that time only eighteen years of age, was the oldest child; that Taliaferro was the second; that the other children are named in the order of their ages, this fact being supported by the dates of their marriages and other points to be mentioned later; that they were all, therefore, under age at the time; that those six were all of his children; and that his wife had died between the years 1771 and 1774, as she is not mentioned in the will. This of course excludes Capt. Sigismund Stribling (see §22) from the number of his children, and shows that they were brothers. He died Oct. 5, 1774, and was buried at "Hopewell". The following are his descendants:
. . . ."

While the middle name of Wright for two grandchildren is suggestive, that evidence would not seem sufficient to identify Elizabeth Wright as the wife of Taliaferro Stribling and that is probably why Hugh McIlhany described the identification as a conjecture.

Some Prominent Virginia Families, Volume I, by Louise Pecquet du Bellet and published in about 1907, stated that Elizabeth Wright married Taliaferro Stribling:

". . . .
Taliaferro Stribling³, son of Thomas² and Elizabeth Taliaferro Stribling, b. in Stafford County, Virginia, about 1723. Married Elizabeth Wright.
Issue:
. . . ."

However, no source reference for this identification was given.

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, cited the Hugh McIlhany book in asserting that Elizabeth Wright married Taliaferro Stribling.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Elizabeth Wright Stribling in Hopewell Friends Burial Ground, Clear Brook, Frederick County, Virginia:

"Elizabeth Wright Stribling

Birth 1738

Death	Virginia, USA 1771 (aged 32–33) Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia, USA
Burial	Hopewell Friends Burial Ground Clear Brook, Frederick County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	86866509"

However, no photograph of the gravestone was provided.

Findagrave.com also listed the following in this Memorial:

"Elizabeth Wright was the daughter of Francis Wright and Ann Massey.

Elizabeth Wright married Taliaferri Stribling about 1753-1755 in Prince William County, VA.

Taliaferro and Elizabeth had these children:

Francis Stribling, Sr.
Taliaferro Stribling, II
Ann (Stribling) Milton
Thomas Stribling
William Stribling
John Stribling
William Stribling, Sr."

However, again no source for this information was given. The originator of this Memorial was Elreeta Weathers, who has passed away and the current administrator has nothing further on this identification.

The result is that while it is possible that Elizabeth Wright, the daughter of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling, was the wife of Taliaferro Stribling, further research will be required to confirm or deny that identification.

ii. Dorothy Or Dorothea (Wright) Winn, Her Husband
John Winn, And Her Descendants

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This record identifies Dorothy Wright as one of the children of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling.

Biographical Directory Of The South Carolina House Of Representatives, Volume III, 1775-1790, by N. Louise Bailey and Elizabeth Ivey Cooper and published in 1981, listed the following for John Winn:

"Winn, John (Sr.) (1727?-1814). Father of Minor Winn (b. 1759); brother of Richard Winn (1730-1818).

John Winn, born in Fauquier County, Virginia, was the son of Minor Winn (d. 1778) and Margaret O'Connor. Sometime in the mid-1760's, he moved with other family members to Camden District, South Carolina. A surveyor and planter, he acquired numerous grants and became a large speculator in the backcountry. Between 1769 and 1789, he was granted 3,749 acres in his own right; with his son Minor and others he acquired an additional 15,337 acres near Cedar, Rice, and Sawneys creeks in Camden District. Furthermore, Winn was one of the prime developers of the town of Winnsboro in Fairfield County. According to the 1790 federal census, he owned twenty-two slaves.

During the American Revolution, Winn served on the committee to enforce the Continental Association in the District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers (1775). A lieutenant colonel in the militia (ca. 1778, he was present at engagements at Fishdam Ford (9 November 1780) and Blackstock's (20 November 1780). At some point in time, he supposedly was given his parole by the British; in December 1780 he was arrested by the enemy and sentenced to hang for violating that parole. Fortunately, threats of Whig retaliation forced his release and saved his life. Throughout the war and afterwards, Winn remained active politically. He represented the District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers in the House in the First (1775) and Second (1775-1776) Provincial Congresses and the First General Assembly (1776) and was also a member of the Second General Assembly (1776-1778). Elected to the state Senate, he served the District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers in the Third (1779-1780) and Fifth (1783-1784) General Assemblies. Other offices he held included the following: Justice of the peace (1776); commissioner of location for Camden District (1784); justice of the peace and county court judge for Fairfield County (1785); commissioner, for inspection and exportation of tobacco at Winnsboro (1785); petitioner for the establishment of a fair and market in Winnsboro (1785); and delegate for the District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers at the state constitutional convention (1790). On 9 January 1777, he was admitted to the Mount Zion Society and served as that organization's first president.

Married twice, Winn wed Dorothea Wright, daughter of Francis Wright, on 17 August 1758 in Alexandria, Virginia. At least seven children were born of them: Anna (m. Samuel McKinnie), Minor, James, John, Jr, Richard Francis, William Wright, and Mary (m. Obed Kirkland). Dorothea Wright Winn died 10 December 1780, and on 12 August 1782, he married Penelope Kirkland. They were the parents of nine (and possibly more) children: Joseph, Peter, Daniel, Harriet L., Martha, Margaret (m. (?) Tucker), David Jefferson, Obed, and Robert. John Winn moved circa 1808 to Rutherford County, Tennessee, and later to Jefferson County, Mississippi, where he died 16 July 1814.

Firs Provincial Congress	District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers	1775
Second Provincial Congress	District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers	1775-1776

First General Assembly	District Between Broad and Catawba Rivers	1776
Second General Assembly	Member	1776-1778

Sources: Andrea Files, roll 48, #973, p. 10; roll 48, #974, pp. 3, 4, 9, 10, 13. Aud. Accts., S660. Burgess, p. 60, Census, 1790, 20. Buford S. Chappell, *The Winns of Fairfield County: Colonel John Winn, William Winn, General Richard Winn* (Columbia, SC, 1975), pp. 1, 2, 5, 9-13, 15-19, 21-29, 33-51, 55-56, 90. *Charleston Yearbooks, 1887*, 343. Draper Mss., 13VV: 112-14. William Ederington, *History of Fairfield County, South Carolina* (Tuscaloosa, Ala., n.D.), pp. 3, 34. *Eligibility Lists*, p. 25. Grand Jury Lists, 1778. *Journal of the Constitutional Convention, 1790*, 6, 23. McCrady, 2: 503, 762; 3: 619. McMaster, pp. 96, 98, 114, 119, 166. Misc. Recs. UU: 78, 278. Moore, *Wills*, 3: 335-36. Reynolds & Faunt. Royal Grants, 13: 481, 21: 210; 33: 100; 36: 439; 37: 148, 302, 304, 401, 402. *SC Counties*. SCHM, 7: 108n; 44: 4, 8. *SC Statutes*, 4: 652, 685. State Grants, 1: 57, 446, 447; 9: 114; 11: 3; 12: 556; 14: 614, 616; 15: 371, 379; 25: 454. Tax Returns, 1783, #6. Dean F. Winn, "Notes on the Winn Family of Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia," typed copy in SCL, pp. 21-23, 28, 32-36, 42, 44, 78-83."

Colonial Families of the Northern Neck of Virginia, by Ralph & Catherine Beverly and published in 2007, listed the following for Dorthea Wright:

"Dorthea Wright, b. 1740, born in Fairfax Co. and d. Fairfield Co. SC 10 Jun 1782 {West}), dau of Francis (10) Wright and Anne Massey, m. John Winn, son of Minor Winn of Wales and South Carolina.

Dorthea Wright m. John Winn (b. c 1742) in Fairfax Co., VA abt 17 Aug 1758. {West}

Dorthea Winn died during the occupation of Winnsboro, SC by Cornwallis in 1782. {Hoppin, citing VMHB 6:203}

According to source, {Edmund West, Family Data Collection - Birth}, published by The Generations Network, 2001, children of Dorthea Wright and John Winn, all born in Alexandria, Arlington Co., VA, were Minor Winn, c 1759; Anna Minor Winn, c 1760; John Winn, c 1760; Mary Winn, c 1762; James J. Winn, c 1764; Richard Francis Winn, c 1768; William Wright Winn, c 1770."

In her email dated July 5, 2008, Patsy Hall stated that Dorothea Wright was a daughter of Francis Wright, was born in 1740, and married John Winn, that John Winn was born between 1728 and 1732, and that Dorothea (Wright) Winn and John Winn had the following child:

- 1) Richard Francis Winn, born in 1767.

iii. Frances (Wright) (Ashby) Obannion And Her
Husbands Nimrod Ashby And Obannion

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As set forth below, the third child referred to in the will was a daughter and probably Frances Wright and this record indicates that she was born after the will was written on March 29, 1742.

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This record identifies Frances Wright as one of the children of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling. If Frances Wright was the third daughter of Francis Wright and Ann (Massey) (Wright) Stribling, then the reference to his wife as pregnant on March 29, 1742, indicates that Frances Stribling would have been born after March 29, 1742, and probably before 1743.

On March 24, 1755, at Prince William County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1754-1755/188, Robert Ashby was appointed as guardian of Frances Wright:

"Robert Ashby is appointed guardian of Frances Wright orphan of Francis Wright deceased who with John Baylis & William Baylis Acknowledged a bond for the same"

The marriage record of Frances Wright and Nimrod Ashby, son of Robert Ashby, was dated on November 30, 1759, in Fauquier County, Virginia:

"To the Clerk of Fauquier County

I do hereby certify that I am willing for my son Nimrod Ashby to be married to Frances Wright Signed and sealed with my seal the 22nd of Nov 1759

Test		his	
John Moffett	Robert	X	Ashby
Benjn Ashby		mark	

I do hereby certify that I am willing for Miss Frances Wright to be married to Nimrod Ashby. Signed and sealed with my seal this 22nd of Nov 1759.

Test		his	
John Moffett	Robt B	X	Ashby
Benjn Ashby.		mark	
To the Clerk of Fauquier County			

Sir I hereby certify you that I am willing to be married to Nimrod Ashby and desire you to issue the license for the same. 22 Nov 1759

Francis Wright

To the Clerk of Fauquier County.

the said Ashby having relinquished her right of Administration"

This record indicates that Nimrod Ashby was a resident of Fauquier County, Virginia, and had died before June 28, 1764,

On March 28, 1774, at Fauquier County, Virginia, W.B. 1/239, three Inventory and Appraisements of the estate of Nimrod Ashby dated on June 29, 1764, July 25, 1764, and July 24, 1764, were filed.

In April 1774 at Fauquier County, Virginia, W.B. 1/247, a list of sales of the estate of Nimrod Ashby dated March 5, 1765, included a sale to Mrs. Frances (Ashby) Obannion:

To whom	Amount			Short Paid			
	L	S	D	L	S	D	
.....							
Mrs. Frances (Ashby) Obannion	14	4	.	13	.	3	Acct agt the Estate 22/9
.....							

At a Court Continued and held for Fauquier County Comr(?) th day of April 1774
This account of sales was returned & ordered to be recorded

Teste, H Brookell"

This record indicates that Frances (Wright) Ashby had married ____ Obannion before March 5, 1765. However, no record of this marriage has as yet been found.

2. _____ Wright

_____ Wright was a child of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Anne (Washington) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³)

The will of Lawrence Washington was dated on March 11, 1697/98, probated on March 30, 1698, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/133, and provided for a bequest to the children of his sister Anne Wright:

"In the name of God amen, I, Lawrence Washington, of Washington Parish in the County of Westmoreland in Virginia, Gentleman, . . . doe make constitute; ordain & declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,

.....
Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister Anne Writts children, One man Servent a piece of four or five years to serve, or Three Thousand pounds of Tobacco to purchase the same, to be delivered or paid to them when they arrive to the age of Twenty-years old.

....."

This record indicates that Anne (Washington) Wright had at least one child in addition to her son John Wright and that that child was born after March 11, 1677/78, and before March 11, 1697/98.

In his email dated April 6, 2012, Ed Mason identified Penelope Eidson, the wife of Edward Eison, as the daughter and second child of Francis Wright and Anne (Washington) Wright based on:

- 1) Lawrence Washington's will referencing "Ann Writt's children",
- 2) naming pattern analysis which indicated that Penelope Eidson's mother was named Ann and one of her grandfathers was named Richard,
- 3) numerous descendants of Penelope Eidson who were given a middle name Washington prior to George Washington becoming famous and whose given names were similar to those in the Washington family, such as Penelope's son John Washington Eidson and grandchildren George Washington Eidson and Lawrence Washington Eidson,
- 4) numerous personal and legal interactions between the Eidson family and the Washington family, and
- 5) family traditions in two separate branches of the Eidson family that they were descended from the Washington family.

However, further research will be required to confirm or deny this identification.

3. Ann (Wright) Davis, Her Husband Gerrard Davis, And Her Descendants

Ann (Wright) Davis was a daughter of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Martha (____) (Wright) Howell. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³)

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Ann Wright and Gerard Davis before December 24, 1732:

"Davis, Gerard & Wright, Ann; bef. 24 Dec 1732; bride was a dau. of Maj. Francis Wright of WC; (WC DW 1723-38:17; DW 8:333a)"

On February 27, 1737, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 8/333, Gerard Davies sold to Richard Wright 100 acres of land on which Gerard Davies then lived in Nominy Forest and which he had inherited from his mother Elizabeth (Johnson) Davies:

"This Indenture made the Twentyseventh day of February in the Eleventh Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second King of Great Brittain &c and in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred thirty and Seven Between Gerrard Davies of the parish of Cople and County of Westmorland of the one part And Richard Wright of the Same parish and county of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Gerrard Davies for and in consideration of the Sum of forty five pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the aforesaid Richard Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and Every part thereof and therefrom doth fully clearly and absolutely acquit and Discharge the aforesaid Richard Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assignes and Every of them by these pressents Hath Given Granted bargained Sold aliened released and confirmed and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely give grant bargain Sell alien release and confirm unto the said Richard Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assignes forever a certain peice or parchel of Land containing one hundred acres whereon the Said Gerrard Davies now lives Scituate lying and being in Yeocomoco or Nominy Forrest which was formerly Given by James Johnson to his Daughter Elizabeth Johnson mother to the Said Gerrard Davies as may appear by the said Will Together with all houses outhouses Gardens Orchards fences water ways trees woods and underwoods priviledges Liberties profits advantages and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Tract or parchel of Land belonging or any part or parchel thereof in any wise belonging or appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof and of Every part thereof And all the Estate rite & title intrest property claim and demand whatsoever that he the Said Gerrard Davies hath or ought to have of in or to the afd. one hundred acres of Land or any part thereof To have and to hold the aforesaid one hundred acres of Land and all and Singular the premises hereinbefore mentioned and hereby Entended to be granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Richard Wright hereinbefore mentioned his heirs &c forever And he the Said Gerrard Davies for himself his heirs &c. doth hereby covenant and promise to and with the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. that he the Said Gerrard Davies at the time of the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents is the Sole true and Lawfull owner of the Said Tract or parchel of Land and premises hereby Granted and Sold and of Every part and parcell thereof And further that he the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. Shall from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold occupy possess and injoy all and Singular the above Granted Lands and premises with all its rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining without the Let trouble Hinderance Eviction Expulsion or Interruption _____ appurtances unto the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c Shall and will Warrant and forever Defend by these presents against the claim or claims of him the Said Gerrard Davies his heirs &c. or any other person or persons whatsoever and that the said Gerrard Davies his heirs &c. Shall and will at any time hereafter upon the request and at the proper charges and cost in the Law of the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. make do Suffer and Execute all and Every Such further and other act and acts thing and things devices and assurances in the Law Whatsoever for the better and more Shure conveying and assuring of all and Singular the Said premises unto the Said Richard Wright his

Signed Sealed and delivered in presents of) Gerrard Davies
Peter Cox)
Charles Brown
his
Steven Balley
mark

Peter Cox
Charles Brown
his
Steven Balley
mark

Peter Cox
Charles Brown
his
Steven Balley
mark

Test
G G Turberville CCW

Recorded the Ninth day of June 1738

Pr. GTCCW"

The will of 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County dated on March 10, 1740, and probated on October 27, 1741, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 9/192, listed Ann Davis as his sister and Gerrard Davis as his brother-in-law:

"In The Name of God Amen I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland . . . do make and ordain this my Present last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, . . . Item I give and Bequeath to my God Son William Davis one young Roan mare with a blaise in her forehead one Breeding heifer one young yew, one Breeding Sow, and Suit of Druge Cloughs Vizt, Coat Vest and Breeches to him and his heirs for Ever, Item. I give to my Brother-in-Law Gerrard Davis all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs for Ever, Item I give to my Sister Ann Davis one good Suite of Stuff one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and two Shifts, . . ."

This record identifies Ann (Wright) Davis as (1) the sister of 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and, therefore, (2) the daughter of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and (3) the wife of Gerrard Davis, and (4) probably the mother of William Davis.

On November 13, 1753, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 12/48, Gerrard Davis and Thomas McFarlane and his wife Elizabeth McFarlane sold to Francis Wright the 123 acres of land acquired by Westmoreland County D.&W.B. 10/333:

"This Indenture made the thirteen day of November in the twenty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign, Lord George the Second, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c., and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fifty three: Between Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland of one part and Francis Wright of Parish and County aforesaid of other part; Witnesseth that Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife in consideration of sum of five shillings and other considerations to them made and paid by Francis Wright, the receipt whereof Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife doth acknowledge, have and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto Francis Wright and his heirs all that parcel of land containing one hundred twenty three acres be the same more or less lying in Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland and lately in possession of Henry Wiginton, deceased, binding on the land of Mr. Robert Carter and on the land of John Fleming and on the land of Peter Smith and on the land where Thomas McFarlane now lives, and on the land of said McFarlane formerly belonging to Samuel Heath, deceased, with all its rights members and appurtenances; To have and to hold the one hundred twenty three

acres of land more or less and all other the premises with appurtenances unto Francis Wright his heirs and Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs against the claim of all persons will warrant and forever defend by these presents; and Francis Wright his heirs by force and virtue of these presents at all times hereafter shall lawfully possess the land and premises before granted without the denial of Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife or any other person freely and clearly acquitted from all manner of incumbrances; In Witness whereof the first mentioned parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presents of Daniel Tebbs W. Middleton Saml. Rust William Rust	Gerrard Davis Thos: McFarlane Elizabeth McFarlane
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Memorandum; that on the 13th dy of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty three, Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife made livery and seizen of the lands and appurtenances by delivering Turff and Twigg and the Ring of the Door of the Mansion House on the lands unto Francis Wright in the name of the whole lands and appurtenances within granted according to the tenor form and effect of the Deed, in presence of us

W. Middleton,
Saml. Rust,
Wm. Rust

Received of Francis Wright the sum of five shillings current money and other considerations in full payment for the consideration within mentioned; Witness our hands this the tenth day of November Anno Dom: 1753

Test Danl. Tebbs W. Middleton, Sam. Rust William Rust	Gerrard Davis Thos: McFarlane Elizabeth McFarlane
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Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of November Anno Dom: 1753 This Deed of Feoffment of land passed from Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife to Francis Wright was in open Court acknowledged by the said Davis to be their proper act and deed and on the motion of the said Wright is admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 5th day of December Anno Dom 1753

per G.L., C.C.W.

Know All Men by these presents that I Thomas McFarlane of County of Westmorland and Parish of Cople am held and firmly bound unto Francis Wright of the same place in the full and just sum of three hundred pounds current money of Virginia to be paid to said Wright or his certain Attorney his heirs to which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs firmly by these presents; Sealed with my seal and dated this thirteenth day of November Annoq. Domini 1753

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas McFarlane his heirs in all things well and truly observe perform and keep all covenants and conditions which on his or their parts ought to be observed and kept comprized in one indenture of bargain and sale beetween Gerrard Davis and the said Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife of the one part and Francis Wright of the other part bearing even date with these presents according to the tenor form and effect of the same, that then the above Obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to stand and remain in full force power and virtue

Signed sealed and delivered Thos: McFarlane
in presence of
Danl: Tebbs,
W. Middleton
Saml. Rust
William Rust

Westmoreland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of November Anno Dom. 1753 Thomas McFarlane came into Court and personally acknowledged this his bond for the performance of covenants by him passed to Francis Wright to be his proper act and deed and on the mocon of the said Wright was admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 6th day of December Anno Dom: 1753

per G. L., C.C.W."

The Washington Ancestry and Records of The McClain, Johnson, and Forty Other Colonial American Families, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, identified Ann (Wright) Davis as a daughter of Francis Wright's first wife Anne (Washington) Wright, but no evidence was provided to support that identification.

a. William Davis

William Davis was probably the son of Ann (Wright) Davis and Gerrard Davis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, Ann⁴)

The will of 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County dated on March 10, 1740, and probated on October 27, 1741, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 9/192, listed Ann Davis as his sister and Gerrard Davis as his brother-in-law and William Davis as his godson:

"In The Name of God Amen I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland do make and ordain this my Present last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, Item I give and Bequeath to my God Son William Davis one young Roan mare with a blaise in her forehead one Breeding heifer one young yew, one Breeding Sow, and Suit of Druge Cloughs Vizt, Coat Vest and Breeches to him and his heirs for Ever, Item. I give to my Brother-in-Law Gerrard Davis all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs for Ever, Item I give to my Sister Ann Davis one good Suite of Stuff one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and two Shifts,"

The listing of William Davis as a godson in conjunction with the listing of Ann (Wright) Davis as his sister and Gerrard Davis as his brother-in-law suggests strongly that William Davis was not only his godson, but his nephew as well.

4. 1741 Richard Wright Of Westmoreland County, His Wife Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane, And His Descendants

1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Martha (____) (Wright) Howell. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³)

On September 22, 1714, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 5/332, John Wright gifted 300 acres of land to his brother Richard Wright, son of John Wright's father Francis Wright:

"To all Christian people to whom these psents shall come John Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmorlnd Gentl: son & heir of Francis Wright late of the parish & County aforesaid Gentl. decd Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God everlasting Now know yee that I the said John Wright for & in consideracon of the natural love & affecion which I have & bear unto my loving brother Richard Wright son of my said father Francis Wright and for divers other causes & consideracons me hereunto more especially moveing Have given & granted and by these psents doe fully clearly & absolutely give grant & confirm unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever all that peice parcell tract tenement & plantacon of land lying scituate & being in

the parish & County aforesd in lower Machotique Neck and is bounded as followeth Vizt. Begining at the mouth of a Cove issuing out of a small Creek comonly called the flooding or Oshter Creek runing thence Westerly up the meanders of the said Cove to a small branch at the head thereof lying on the north side of the plantacon where Thomas Appleyard last lived comonly called the old plantacon and up the said branch (crossing the horse path down the said Neck to the said Wrights plantacon) to a marked Maple standing in the said branch thence Southerly up a small discent of swampy ground along a line of marked trees a little to the West of the said ground to three Spanish oakes marked & Standing triangular close to the back line of the land late of Coll: John Mottrom decd but now in the occupacon of the aforesd John Wright thence easterly down the said Mottroms line to a small creek known by the name of Barrs's Creek and issueth into the aforesd. Oshter Creek thence down the same on the West side thereof along the meanders of the said Creek to the mouth of the Cove before menconed to be begun at includeing the old plantacon aforesaid together with the plantacon whereon Wm Haslerigg is now seated containeing three hundred acres of land (be the same more or less) and is part of the same tract of land whereon I now live which formerly was the right & inheritance of the aforesaid John Mottrom together with all & singular the houses outhouses orchards fences gardens way's water water courses woods under woods profits priviledges conveniences hereditaments emoluments & appurtenances whatsoever: to the said hereby given & granted land & prmises belonging or in any way's of right appurtaineing and all the estate right title interest property claime & demand whatsoever of me the said John Wright my heires &c. of in & to the same and every part & parcell thereof with the revercon & revercons remainder & remainders rents issues & profits thereof the rents & profits of the aforesd. granted lands & prmises with the appurtenances already grown or which hereafter shall grow & become due & oweing for the same or any part thereof by any wayes or meanes whatsoever for & dureing & untill the sd. Richd. Wright shall attaine & be of the full age of eighteen yeares alwayes reserved excepted & foreprized out of this present guift grant & confirmacon to & for the only sole use benefitt & advantage of me the said John Wright my heires &c: To have and to hold the said three hundred acres of land (be the same more or less) with all & singular the prmises herein before menconed meant or intended to be herein or hereby given granted & confirmed and every part & parcell thereof with their & every of their appurtenances (except before excepted) unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever to the only sole proper use benefitt and advantage of him the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever more To be holden of the cheif Lord or Lords of the fee or fees by the rents & services for the same due & of right accustomed to be paid and I the sd. John Wright for my selfe my heires &c. doe hereby covenant promise and grant to & with the sd. Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten that the aforesd. land and prmises with their & every of their appurtenances now is & from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter shall be & remaine free & clear and freely & clearly acquitted exonerated & discharged of & from all former & other gifts grants bargaines sales joyntures dowers morgages extents

execucons & other incumbrance or incumbrances whatsoever had made comitted done or suffered or which hereafter may be had made done or suffered by me the said John Wright my heires or assignes or by any other person or persons whatsoever by our or any of our consents privity or procurement and further that I the said John Wright the aforesaid land & prmisses with their & every of their appurtenances as well against me the said John Wright my heires &c: as against all other person or persons whatsoever claimeing or pretending to claime from by or under us any or either of us (any part or parcell of the aforesaid land & prmisses) unto the said Richard Wright and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten shall & will warrant and by these presents for ever defend and lastly that I the sd. Wright will acknowledge this presen grant in due form of law in Westmorland County Court to the end the same may be recorded and alsoe that my wife Dorothy shall relinquish her right of dower & thirds at the comon law in & to the said lands & prmisses. In Witness & confirmacon whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & affixed my seale this twenty second day of September in the thirteenth yeare of the reign of our Sovereigne Lady Anne of great Britaine &c. and in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & fourteen

Sealed & delivered	)	J: Wright
in presence of)	
Nath Pope)	
W: Sturman)	

Westmorld SS

At a Court held for the sd. County the 29th day of Sept 1714 John Wright Gentl: personally acknowledged the above Instrument to be his proper act & deed to be & enure to the uses above in the same specified which Youell Watkins accepted in behalfe of Richard Wright and the sd. Watkins alsoe by a power from Dorothy wife of the said John (being duely proved) relinquished the right of dower & thirds of the said Dorothy at the comon law in and to the lands and prmisses above menconed.

Test
Tho: Sorrell DC Cfed

Recordatz 27" die Novoris 1714

Pr. Eundm Cluum"

This record identifies Richard Wright as the son of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and indicates that he was born before September 22, 1714..

On August 27, 1723, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B 7/292, John Wright exchanged 800 acres of his land in on Machotique River in Cople Parish,

Westmoreland County, for 1000 acres of land owned by Henry Lee in Stafford County and in the legal description of the 800 acres John Wright excepted from the exchange 1/2 acre of land where his father Francis Wright was buried and the land which had been gifted to his brother Richard:

"This Indenture made the twenty seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three. . . . Between John Wright of the County of Westmorland in Virginia gentleman of the One part and Henry Lee of the County of Westmorland aforesaid gentleman of the Other part Witnesseth that the said John Wright for and in consideracon of the Exchange for One thousand acres of land in Stafford County scituate lying and being on Powells run whereon the said Henry Lee hath now a plantacon or quarter have granted unto the said Henry Lee One tract of land in Cople parish in the aforesaid County of Westmorland and on the mouth of lower Machotique river Containing by estimacon eight hundred acres be the same mor or less being part of a pattent of land formerly granted to Mr John Mottrom by pattent bearing date the thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord sixteen hundred and fifty and since by several mean Conveyances or decents become the proper right and inheritance of the said John Wright and is the plantacon and tract of land whereon he now lives (excepting one half acre of the said land being the grave yard on the manour plantacon where Majr Francis Wright father of the said John is buried as also One other part of the said dividend of land Known by the name of time Neck which the said John Wright hath allready given to his brother Richard Wright by deeds bearing date the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fourteen which said deeds are recorded in the County Court records of Westmorland"

This record confirms that 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County had a son Richard Wright in addition to his son John Wright.

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Richard Wright and Elizabeth Wigginton as between November 7, 1721, and December 24, 1732, and the second marriage of Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright to Thomas McFarlane:

"Wright, Richard & Wigginton, Elizabeth; bet. 7 Nov 1721 - 24 Dec 1732; bride was a dau. of Wm. (d. WC 1721) & Frances (Johnson) Wigginton (d. WC 1733); she was a wid. by 23 Feb 1741/42 and mar. (2) Thos. McFarlane; (WC DW 5:450; DW 8-2:17; DW 9:209)"

The will of Frances Wigginton was dated on December 24, 1732, probated on March 27, 1733, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 8-2/57, identified Elizabeth Wright as her daughter and Richard Wright as her son in law, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen I Frances Wigginton of ye. Parish of Copeland County of Westmoreland being sick in Body but of sound memory thanks be to

God and calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of this Life do make constitute ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament. And first being hartely sorry for my Sins past, and humbly desiring forgiveness of ye. same I committ my soul to Almighty God Trusting to be saved through the meritts of Jesus Christ and my Body to be Buried at ye. Discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as for ye. settling of ye. Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do order give and Dispose ye same in manner and form following, that is to say, I give to my cousin Barbara Davies one Bedd and furniture and one Little Bay mare and side saddle and Bridle and two suits of clothes and two shifts and two paire of shoes & two paire of stockens. Item I give to my cousin Elizabeth Canaday one Black suit of clothes and a Gould ring. Item I give to my cousin Frances Davies one grand and peticote(?) and one grand and Peticote to my cousin Ann Davies. Item I give to Ann Bannister one cow and calf and one suite of clothes, two shifts and one paire of shoes and Stockens. Item I give to my God son Thomas Martin one Gould Ring and a new Bible. Item I give Gerrard Davies Jr' one Gould Ring. Item I give to ye negro Boy Thomas belonging to my Daughter Elizth Wright a suit of cloths and a years schooling when he shall be capable of learning to read and a Bible Item my will and Desire is that my Executor in some convenient time after my Death do cause ye graves where my husband and children are Buried to be Paed in in a desent manner Item All the rest of my estate whatsoever I give to my Daughter Elizth Wright and ye Issue of her Body and for want of such to my Son in Law Richd Wright and ye Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such to ye right heires of me ye said Frances Wigginton forever. And Lastly I doe make ordain constitute and appoint my Son in law Richard Wright whole and sole Executor of this my Will heaby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hearunto put my hand and affixed my seale this Twenty fourth day of December 1732.

Frances mark
F Wigginton
her

Sealed published and Declared in ye presence of

Thomas his
W More
mark
his
Jobe + Jenkins
mark
her
Margret 8 Jenkins
mark

Westmorld ss./

At a Court held for the sd County the 27th Day of March 1733.

This last Will & Testament of Frances Wigginton decd, was presented into Court by Richard Wright her Executor who made oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of Job Jenkins and Thomas More two of the witnesses thereto is admitted to Record.

Test
G. Tuberville C. C. W.

Recorded the 25th Day of April 1733.

Pr. G. T. C. C. W."

On February 23 & 24, 1737, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 8/554, Richard Wright and his wife Elizabeth Wright sold to Doctor Robert Eskridge 100 acres of land by deed of lease and release and performance bond:

"This Indenture made this twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred thirty and seven Between Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife of the county of Westmoreland of the one part and Doctor Robert Eskridge of the county of Northumberland of the other part Witnesseth that the aforesd Richard Wright and Elizabeth Wright his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings of lawfull money of Great Brittain to them in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof by the said Robert Eskridge the receipt hereof is hereby acknowledged doth bargain and sell unto the said Robert Eskridge a certain piece or parcel of land containing one hundred acres be the same more or less being part of a tract of Land formerly granted to a certain Thomas Gerrard for one thousand acres which paten is dated the ninth day of January one thousand six hundred sixty two which said Thousand acres of land since legally became the proper Estate and Inheritance of his heir John Gerrard who thereby being seized in fee the said land did by his Last will and testament give and bequeath part thereof to Francis Johnston as by the said will may appear which said Francis was mother to the said Elizabeth Wright who is now the only heir of the said Francis To have and to hold the aforesaid one hundred acres of land wth all and singular the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby bargained or sold unto the said Robert Eskridge his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns from the day next before the date of these presents for and during and unto the full end and term of one year from thence next ensuing and fully to be completed and ended Yielding and paying therefore unto the aforesaid Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife their heirs &c on the Last day of the said Term the rent of one pepper corn only if the same be lawfully demanded to the intent and purpose that by virtue hereof and of the statute for Tranferring uses into possession the said Robert Eskridge may be enabled to accept and take a Grant or Release of all and singular the premises and the reversion and Inheritance thereof to him the said Robert Eskridge his heirs executors administrators or Assigns In Witness whereof the parties to these presents there hands and seals have Interchangeably set the day and year first above written.

Richard Wright
Elizabeth Wright

Signed sealed and delivered in presents of us,)
Willoughby Newton. Richard Jackson.)
Roger Wiginton. John Crabb. Charnock Cox jr.)

Westmoreland ss. At a Court held for the said County the 30th day of May
1738.

Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife Personally acknowledged this deed of
Lease for Land by them passed to Doctor Robert Eskridge which is admitted to
Record.

Test, G. Turberville C.C.W.

Recorded the twelfth day of June 1738. Pr.. G.T.C.C.W.

This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord
Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven Between Richard Wright
and Elizabeth Wright his wife of the county of Westmoreland of the one part and
Doctor Robert Eskridge of the county of Westmoreland of the other part
Witnesseth that the aforesaid Rich. Wright and Elizabeth Wright his wife for and
in consideration of the sum of fourty five pounds current money of Virginia to
them in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the
receipt whereof they doth acknowledge and thereof and of and from every part
thereof doth fully clearly and absolutely acquit exonerate and Discharge the said
Robert Eskridge his heirs &c. and every of them by these presents Hath given
granted bargained sold aliened remised released and confirmed and by these
presents doth give grant bargain sell alien remise release and confirm unto the
said Robert Eskridge his heirs Executors administrators or Assigns in his the said
Robert Eskridge's actual possession now being by virtue of a bargain and sale to
him thereof made by Indenture bearing date the day next before the date of
these presents for the Term of one whole year commencing from the day next
before the date of the said Indenture of Bargain and Sale and by virtue of the
Statute for Transferring uses into possession All that piece or parcel of land
Scituate lying and being in Mechtick in a neck commonly called Gerrard neck in
Cople parish in the county of Westmoreland containing one hundred acres be
the same more or less being part of a paten formerly granted to Mr Thomas
Gerrard for one thousand acres Land dated the ninth day of January one
thousand six hundrd and sixty two which said thousand acres of land since
legally Became the proper Estate and Inheritance of his heir John Gerrard who
thereby being seized in fee of the said land did by his last will and Testament
give and bequeath part thereof to Frances Johnson as by the said will may
appear which said Francis was mother to the above Elizabeth Wright who is now
the only heir of the said Francis the said Land Together with all houses out
houses gardens orchards fences ways waters Trees woods underwoods

Richard Wright
Elizabeth Wright

Received of Doctor Robert Eskridge the within consideration of fourty five pounds current money of Virginia and acknowledge ourselves to be fully satisfied

Witness our hands This Twenty fourth day of February one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven.

Richard Wright
Elizabeth Wright

Teste,
Willoughby Newton. Richard Jackson.)
Roger Wiginton. John Crabb. Charnock Cox Jr.)

Westmoreland ss. At a Court held for the said County the 30th day of May 1738.

Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife being first privately examined according to Law they both personally acknowledged this deed of release of land by them passed to Doctor Robert Eskridge Together with the receipt for the consideration thereon endorsed to be their proper act and deed all which at the instance of the said Eskridge are admitted to record.

Test, G Turberville. C.C.W.

Recorded the Twelfth day of June 1738. Pr. G.T.C.C.W.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople in the County of Westmoreland am held firmly bound and justly Indebted unto Robert Eskridge of the county of Northumberland in the full and Just sum of ninety pounds sterling money of Great Brittain to be paid to the said Robert Eskridge his certain Attorney or Attorneys his heirs executors Administrators or Assigns to the which said payment well and truly to be made and don I bind my selfe my heirs executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated the Twenty fourth day of February in the eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven.

The Condition of the above written obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife there heirs executors and Administrators do and shall from time to time and at all times forever hereafter well and truly observe perform fulfill accomplish and keep all and singular the covenants grants clauses articles conditions and agreements which on their parts and behalf are and ought to be observed performed fulfilled accomplished and kept particularly comprized mentioned and expressed in one deed of release and sale for one hundred acres of Land Scituate lying and being in the parish of Cople and county of Westmoreland aforesaid and in the neck called Gerrard's Neck, which said deed bears even date with these presents and made or mentioned to be made between the said Richard Wright and Elizabeth his wife and the said Robert Eskridge and that in and by all things according to the purport true intent and

meaning of the said deeds That then this obligation to be void and of none effect
else the same to stand remain and be in full force power and virtue.

Richard Wright

Signed sealed and delivered in presents of us,)
Willoughby Newton. Richard Jackson.)
Roger Wiginton. John Crabb. Charnock Cox Jr.)

Westmoreland ss. At a Court held for the said the 30th day of May 1738.

Richard Wright personally acknowledged this Bond for performance of covenants by him passed to Doctor Robert Eskridge to be his proper act and deed which at the Instance of the said Eskridge is admitted to record.

Test, G. Turberville, C.C.W.

Recorded the Twelfth day of June 1738. Pr.. G.T.C.C.W."

This record identifies Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane, the wife of Richard Wright, as the daughter of Frances (Johnson) Wigginton.

On February 27, 1737, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 8/333,
Richard Wright purchased from Gerard Davies 100 acres of land in Nominy Forest:

"This Indenture made the Twentyseventh day of February in the Eleventh Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second King of Great Brittain &c and in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred thirty and Seven Between Gerrard Davies of the parish of Cople and County of Westmorland of the one part And Richard Wright of the Same parish and county of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Gerrard Davies for and in consideration of the Sum of forty five pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the aforesaid Richard Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and Every part thereof and therefrom doth fully clearly and absolutely acquit and Discharge the aforesaid Richard Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assignes and Every of them by these pressents Hath Given Granted bargained Sold aliened released and confirmed and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely give grant bargain Sell alien release and confirm unto the said Richard Wright his heirs Executors administrators and assignes forever a certain peice or parchel of Land containing one hundred acres whereon the Said Gerrard Davies now lives Scituate lying and being in Yeocomoco or Nominy Forrest which was formerly Given by James Johnson to his Daughter Elizabeth Johnson mother to the Said Gerrard Davies as may appear by the said Will Together with all houses outhouses Gardens Orchards fences water ways trees woods and underwoods priviledges Liberties profits advantages and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Tract or parchel of Land belonging or any part or parchel thereof in any wise belonging or appertaining and the reversion

and reversions remainder and remainders thereof and of Every part thereof And all the Estate rite & title intrest property claim and demand whatsoever that he the Said Gerrard Davies hath or ought to have of in or to the afd. one hundred acres of Land or any part thereof To have and to hold the aforesaid one hundred acres of Land and all and Singular the premises hereinbefore mentioned and hereby Entended to be granted bargained and Sold unto the Said Richard Wright hereinbefore mentioned his heirs &c forever And he the Said Gerrard Davies for himself his heirs &c. doth hereby covenant and promise to and with the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. that he the Said Gerrard Davies at the time of the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents is the Sole true and Lawfull owner of the Said Tract or parchel of Land and premises hereby Granted and Sold and of Every part and parcell thereof And further that he the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. Shall from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold occupy possess and injoy all and Singular the above Granted Lands and premises with all its rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining without the Let trouble Hinderance Eviction Expulsion or Interruption _____ appurtances unto the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c Shall and will Warrant and forever Defend by these presents against the claim or claims of him the Said Gerrard Davies his heirs &c. or any other person or persons whatsoever and that the said Gerrard Davies his heirs &c. Shall and will at any time hereafter upon the request and at the proper charges and cost in the Law of the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c. make do Suffer and Execute all and Every Such further and other act and acts thing and things devices and assurances in the Law Whatsoever for the better and more Shure conveying and assuring of all and Singular the Said premises unto the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c according to the true intent and meaning of these presents as by the Said Richard Wright his heirs &c or by his or their Learned Council in the Law Shall be reasonably advised devised or required In Wittness whereof the parties to These presents have Interchangeably Set their hands and Seals the day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed and deli-	)	Gerrard Davies
vered in presents of)	
Peter Cox		
Charles Brown		
his		
Steven	Balley	
mark		

Received of Richard Wright the within consideration of forty five pounds current money of Virginia and acknowledge my Self to be fully satisfied As Witness my hand this Twenty Seven day of February 1737

Peter Cox	Gerrard Davies
Charles Brown	

his
Steven Balley
mark

Memorandum that on the Twenty Seven day of February one Thousand Seven hundred thirty and Seven Peaceable and quiet possession and Seizin of the Lands and appurtenances within mentioned was made and Delivered by the said Gerrard Davies according to the form and Effect of this deed unto the Said Richard Wright in the present of us whose names are hereunto Subscribed

Peter Cox
Charles Brown
his
Steven Balley
mark

Westmorland SS. At a court held for the Said County the 30th day of May 1738. Gerrard Davies personally acknowledged this deed of Feoffment for Land by him passed to Richard Wright together with the Livery of Seizin and receipt for the consideration money thereon Endorsed to be his proper act and deed; Also Ann the wife of the said Gerrard Davies (being first privately Examined according to Law) personally relinquished her right of Dower and thirds at the common Law of in and to the Lands by the Said deed mentioned to be conveyed all which at the Instance of the Said Wright are admitted to record

Test
G G Turberville CCW

Recorded the Ninth day of June 1738

Pr. GTCCW"

The will of Richard Wright was dated on March 10, 1740, probated on October 27, 1741, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 9/192, and provided as follows:

"In The Name of God Amen I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland being Very Sick weak of body but of Sound and perfect mind and memory praise be given to almighty god for the same, do make and ordain this my Present last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god, who Gave it me hoping though the merits death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins, And to Inherit Everlasting life and my Body I commit to the Earth from whence it was Taken to be decently Buryed at the discretion of my Executors hereafter Named And as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate as hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as followeth. First I will that all my my Just

debts be truly and Justly paid and discharged Item I give and Bequeath to my God Son William Davis one young Roan mare with a blaise in her forehead one Breeding heifer one young yew, one Breeding Sow, and Suit of Druge Cloughs Vizt, Coat Vest and Breeches to him and his heirs for Ever, Item. I give to my Brother-in-Law Gerrard Davis all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs for Ever, Item I give to my Sister Ann Davis one good Suite of Stuff one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and two Shifts, Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son Francis Wright all that Tract or parcel of Land in Lower mochotick which was given to me by my Brother John Wright. I also give to my Son Francis four Slaves Vizt, Mollattoe Tom, Negroe Tom, Natt and Frank all which land and Negroes I give to him the Said Francis and his heirs forever, and Further my will and desire is that my Son Francis Wright be for himself at the Age of Eighteen years, Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza Wright four Slaves Vizt. Negroe Nan Danl Rose and Newman all which Negroes I give to her the said Eliza and her heirs for Ever. Item I give to my Dear and loveing wife Eliza Wright the whole and Sole use of Six Slaves for and during her Natural life as Vizt. Fortune, Charmer, Harry, Old Frank great Frank, and Joe a boy and after her decease I give the Said Negroes with Their Increse to be Equally divided Between my son Francis Wright and My Daughter Eliza Wright and their heirs forever. I also give my Dear and well beloved wife all that Land whereon I now live for and during her Natural life and after her decease I will the Said Land to my Son Francis Wright and his heirs for ever. Item my will and desire is that all the rest and Residue of my Estate Goods and Chattles whatsoever be Equally divided between my wife Eliza my son Francis and daughter Eliza and their heirs for Ever Shair and Shair alike Lastly I do ordain Constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Eliza Wright and my friend John Bushrod Gent, and friend Robt. Middleton Exers of This my Last will and Testament In witness whereof I have Set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 10th day of March 1740

Witness
Thomas Mcfarlane
Gerrard Davis

Richard Wright

Westmoreland SS

At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of October 1741. This Last will and Testament of Richard Wright deceased was Presented in to Court by Elizabeth his Relict and one of his Executors, who made Oath thereto John Bushrod Gent, and Robert Middleton the other Executors in the said will named, not ceareing at present to take the oath of Executors, and Being proved by the oath of Thos Mcfarlane the Surviving witness thereto is admitted to Record and upon the motion of the Said Executrix and her performing what is usual in such cases Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate hereof In due form - Recorded the 13th day of November 1741

Test
Geo. Turberville _"

The reference to the land in Lower Mochotick given to him by his brother John Wright identifies this Richard Wright as the son of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and brother of 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County. This record identifies the family of 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County as follows:

Wife: Eliza (____) Wright

Children: 1) Francis Wright, and
2) Eliza Wright.

On January 26, 1741/42, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 1/253, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Richard Wright dated on October 27, 1741, was filed showing a value of £394, 1 shillings, and 9 pence:

"Westmorland SS

In obedience to an order of Court held for the Said County the 27th day of October 1741. We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being appointed by the Said Court _____ value and appraise the Estate of Mr. Richard Wright deceased in money and being first Sworn bef _____ Presly Cox Gent: one of his majestys Justices of Peace for the Said County have valued and appraised the Same as followeth vizt

	£	S	d
To 5 cows and calves at 25/p and 3 cows at 25/p	10	00	0
To the for at 20/p and one Steer & heifer at 15/p	2	10	0
To 3 Small Hefers @ 10/p and one Mare & colt @ 50/	4	00	0
To one cart and wheels at 34/ and one mare @ 30/	3	04	0
To one Horse at £3 and one mare at 25/ and one old Horse @ 15/	5	00	0
To one Horse @ £3 10 and 11 head of Sheep @ 4/6 pr	5	19	6
To 11 head of Hogs @ 18/ p. and 10 Shoats @ 5/p	12	8	0
To one molato fellow Called Tom @ £26	26	00	0
To one Negro Girl Frank @ 26 and one negro Boy Tom at £21	47	00	0
To one Negro Boy Natt @ £17" and molato Girle Nan @ 20 lb	37	00	00
To one Molato Boy Daniel at 18 and one Molatto Girl Moll @ 18	36	00	00
To one Negro Boy Newman @ 10 and one Negro man Fortune at £24	34	00	0
To one Negro man Harry at £17 and one Negro Chambers at 20	37	00	0
To one Negro woman Frank @ £24 and molato Boy John £16	40	00	0
To 73 Lb of Good Brass @ 15d per lb and 90 lb of good Pewter at 13d pr lb	9	8	9
To 32 lb of old Pewter @ 8d p. lb and one old Negro woman Frank 12	13	1	4
To one Iron Spitt at 5/ 114½ lb of Pot Iron at 3d p lb	1	13	7½
To 30 lb of Do @ 2d p lb 5/ and three Iron pot Racks at 6/p	1	3	0
To 1 pr of hand Irons @ 18/ and two frying Pans @ 4/	1	2	0
To ½ dozen of Reap hooks at 4/ & 1 Warming pan @ 6/	0	10	0

To one Sett of Iron wedges at 10/ and Some wooden ware and Lumber @ 12/	1 2 0
To 1 Callendor & Bird Spit & Som potty pans @ 9/	0 9 0
To 1 Iron peel @ 5/ and pr of Garding Sheers @ 1/	0 6 0
To one ox chain & frow & other Iron work @ 15/	0 15 0
To Knives forks at 4/ & curry comb & brushes 18d	0 5 6
To one Box Iron & heaters & fire Tongs & Some Lumbr @ 12/	0 12 0
To 3 Grubbing hoes & three Narrow axes @ 11/	0 11 0
To a plow & Some working hoes @ 15. & 22 lb of Iron @ 1d pr	0 16 10
To one old Gun & two old Tables @ 11/ 6 & 1 pr Stilards @ 10/	1 1 6
To Som old Cask & barrells case and Some bottles @ 39/	1 19 0
To a Sett of Wheat Sifters meal Sifter and tray @ 4/ Some Glass Bottles @ 5/	0 9 0
To one Candle Box and Some Lumber @ 15d and Barrels at 1/	0 2 3
To one Small Tub & about 6000 4d nails @ 18/6	0 18 6
To 3½ lb of Pickt Cotton @ 12d p:lb and 7 yards of oren brigs at 6d p yard	0 7 0
To 14½ yard of Check Linnen at 12d p yd 17½ lb of wool at 16 lb p lb	1 3 3
To one Bed and Bedstead and Furniture at	4 0 0
Carried over	£341 18 0½
To one feather Bed Bedstead and furniture @ £4.10	4 10 0
To one Feather Bed and Bolster @ 45/	2 5 0
To Some old Flagg Chairs at 8/ one old Bedstead Two Basketts @ 3/6	0 11 6
To one Gun @ 30/ and close Stool @ 18d one Bell Kettle Skillett @ 3/	1 14 6
To one Feather Bed and Bedstead and Furniture @	9 0 0
To one Feather Bed and Bedstead and Furniture at	3 10 0
To one Saddle and Howser and Bridled 25/	1 5 0
To Pistols and Holsters, Holster Caps and Kowsen @	3 10 0
To one Chest and Some Earthen ware at 23/	1 3 0
To one Trunk at 5/ one Box at 2/6	0 7 6
To one Chest @ 7/ Some Earthenware @ 15/	1 2 0
To Some drinking Glasses at 3/6 Cask and old Silver 1"2"8½	1 6 2½
To one box and Several Small articles at 12/6	0 12 6
To one Pair of money Scales @ 5/ hone Rasors Lancets & Buckles at 0"8"6	0 13 6
To one Large and two Small books of accounts @	0 6 0
To Some Table Linnen @ 30/ and parcel of Books at 24/	2 14 0
To one Pair of Bellows two Brushes and one Towell at 8/	0 3 0
To one Small looking Glass @ 1.6 one Hunting whip @ 1.6	0 3 0
To one large ovel Table at 22/ and one Small Do @ 15/	1 17 0
To one Desk @ £3"10" and one Small Screwtters(?) @ 6/	3 16 0
To one Spining Wheel and Two Pair of wool Cards @	0 8 0
To 11 Flagg Chairs at 2/ p 22/ and one Riallan(?) @ 15/	1 17 0
To two Wiggs @ 15/ pr. one Fine Hatt and one pair Gloves @ 10/	2 0 0
To one Suit of Wareing Clothes @ £3 one Ditto @ 25/	4 5 0

To one Great Coat @ 15/ one Coat and vest at 20/	1 15 0
To three pair of Stockings @ 7/ one pr of boots and two pr of Shoes @ 20/	1 7 0
To one meal Bagg at	0 2 0
	<hr/> 52 3 8½
To the Wrights of Tobacco	341 18 0½
	<hr/> £394 1 9
No 1 1007 905-102	
No 3 1029 934- 95	
4 1025 932-93	
Transfer 693	

Ben.d Middleton
Petur Cox
Charles Brown

Westmorland ss// At a court held for the Said County the 26th day of January 1741.

This Inventory of the Estate of Richard Wright decd was Returned into court upon oath by Elizabeth his Relict and Executrix and ordered to be Recorded.

Test
George Lee CCW

Recorded the Ninth day of February 1741"

On June 29, 1742, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 9/209, a division and allotment of the land of James Johnson was made among his heirs, including his granddaughter Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, the widow of Richard Wright:

"Pursuant to an order of the Westmoreland County Court bearing date the 23rd day of February 1741. Importing the Division and allotment of three hundred and fifty acres of Land within mentioned to and amongst Elizabeth Wright widow, Mary Pope widow, and Henry Wigginton son and heir of William Wigginton decd. by Colo. Henry Lee his Guardian, So as to allot the said wigginton in Equal third parts of the said three hundred fifty acres We the subscribers being two of the persons in and by the said order named were ordered and directed together and in company with James Thomas Junr. Surveyor of the county afd to meet upon the Lands in Differente on the 8th day of March last and View Survey and Run dividing Lines in and through the Lands in Controversy So as to allot the afd. wigginton an Equal third part of the aforesaid three hundred and fifty acres as afd. We being accordingly met upon the said land on the said 8th Day of March afd. But instead of three hundred and fifty acres we together with the afsd: Surveyor find three hundred and Seventy acres and Eight perches, after duly weighing and Considering the quantity afd: Do think fit to make the following Partition and Division thereof. We do allot to the afd. Elizabeth Wright for her

third Part. Vizt.

[Metes and bounds not transcribed]

We also allott for the said Henry Wigginton part.

[Metes and bounds not transcribed]

We likewise allott for the Said Mary Pope's Part:

[Metes and bounds not transcribed]

Each of the parts Containing one hundred and twenty three acres and fifty six Perches All which may more fully and Large appear by the Said Surveyor Platt and Reports, Recourse thereunto being had. Given und our hands and Seals this 29th Day of June 1742.

Samuel Oldham
Peter Rust

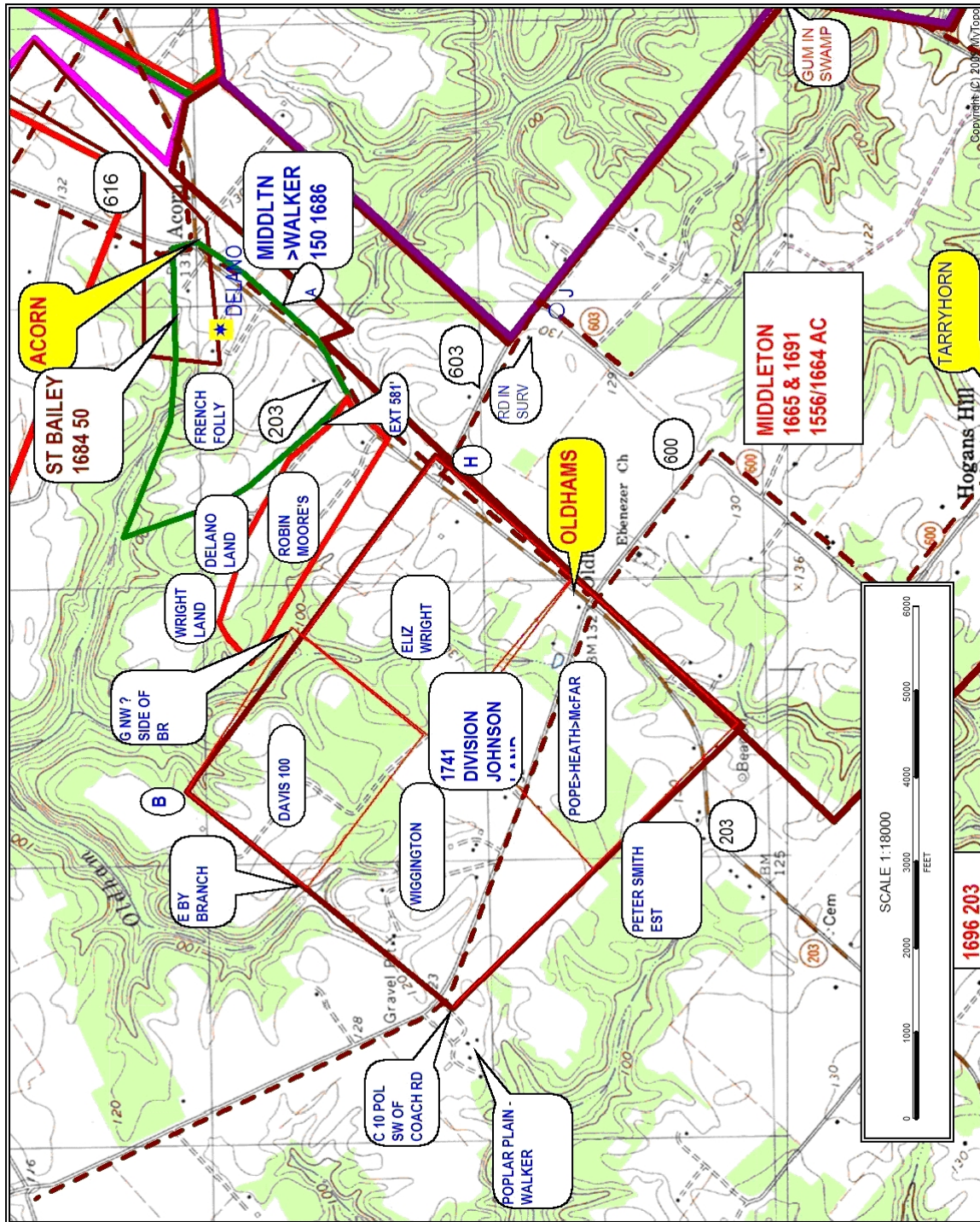
Westmoreland Ss

At a court held for the said County the 29th day of June 1742.

At the special Instance of Henry Lee Gent. Guardian of Henry Wigginton This Report under the hands of Samuel Oldham Genteman and Peter Rust as arbitrators and Viewers named Pursuant to an order of Court, Concerning the division of land Between the Said Wigginton Elizabeth Wright widow and Mary Pope widow is admitted to Record. Recorded the Eighth Day of July 1742. And Certified In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand as Clerk of the said County.

Test
George Lee CWC"

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White and published in 2014, set forth the location of the land of James Johnson and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright's portion thereof near Oldhams in Westmoreland County in the plat on the following page.



Edward White further stated with regard to the tracing of this land that James Johnson originally acquired 450 acres of land from George Searles and Thomas Moore and James Johnson left the land to his four daughters Elizabeth (Johnson) Davis, Frances (Johnson) Wiggiinton, Anne (Johnson) Heath and Barbara (Johnson) Newton:

"The land was divided into four tracts. A summary of the 1742 division and the owners in 1800 follow. After a day or so of tracing each quadrant of the land down to 1800 through a contorted maze of deeds and wills, I decided simply to summarize the devolution from the deed of division to 1800:

100 acres (NW Quadrant) to Elizabeth Johnson Davis. 1800 in the six heirs of Francis (2) Wright by his two wives.⁶⁸⁷

123 acres (SE Quadrant) to Anne Johnson. 1800 probably in Mary Anne, Jane and Hannah McFarlane; then to William Wright.⁶⁸⁸

123 acres (NE Quadrant) to Frances Johnson Wiggington. 1800 in William W. Wright.⁶⁸⁹ Locust Hill.

123 acres (SW Quadrant) to Barbara Johnson, later Newton. 1800 in Presley, Benedict, William W., Johnson W. and Richard Wright, and Nancy Wright Rust, the children of Francis (2) Wright.⁶⁹⁰ Locust Hill.

The cast of owners of two quadrants in 1800 were the children of Francis (2) Wright (bef. 1739-1776). He was the son of Elizabeth Wiggington and Richard (2) Wright. He first married Mary Ann Fleet Cox, the sister of Fleet Cox, and she bore him: Presley Wright, Nancy/Anne Wright Rust and Richard Wright. Francis then married Elizabeth Middleton, the daughter of Benedict (2) Middleton, whose death in 1785 triggered the case of *Wright v. Oldham*, described in the Middleton chapter. Her sons were: Benedict, William and Johnson Wiggington Wright. This relationship is described in *Wright v. Wright*, in the appendix. That case revealed that Francis lived somewhere on the 450 acres. Francis died in early 1776, according to testimony in *Wright v. Wright*, Fredericksburg #286-16. His will left his wife, Elizabeth Middleton Wright, "the house where I live and one third of the land" for life with remainder to his children.⁶⁹¹ She outlived him by twenty-four years. This caused a delay in dividing the land until 1800, due to the fact that both Elizabeth Wiggington Wright McFarlane widow of Richard (2) Wright, and Elizabeth Middleton Wright had life interests in three of the parcels - a legal and family nightmare.

After 1800 it is reasonably clear how William Wright, son of Elizabeth Wiggington Wright McFarlane, who had two of the parcels, obtained at least three-quarters of the 450 acres; however, how he obtained the share of the McFarlane daughters is not very obvious. . . ."

On August 9, 1744, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 10/150, a surveyor's report and court verdict was filed in the suit of Wright's Guardian vs. Lee:

"Wrights Guardian &c)
vs)
See surveyors report)

Westmd County
August the 9th 1744

In obedience to an order of the Honble the General Court the 21st day of April
last past

Thomas McFarlane Plff)
vs)
Ferdinande Drednought deft)

In Ejectment for two messuages two tenements and three hundred acres of land with the appurtenances in the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland of the demises of John Bushrod Guardian to Francis Wright, Henry Lee is admitted defendant in the room of the said Drednought. The subscriber on the day appointed in the said order did go upon the lands in Controversy and proceeded to survey and lay out the same as each party did require First the plaintiff directed me to begin at the mouth of a Cove Issuing out of a Creeke Called the Oyster Creeke as at A. in the platt and surveyed in the several meanders of the said Cove going by a plantation where Thomas Appleyard formerly did live and Crossing the horse road and afterwards come within one chain and 13 links to the left of a Corner maple standing in a branch of the said Cove at B the maple is mentioned in the depositions of John Kennady and Thomas Riddle and agreed to by both Plff and deft. to be their Corner thence extending along a marked line mentioned in the depositions of Kennedy and Riddle as laid down in the platt to 3 Triangular oaks marked for a corner Vist two red oaks and one white oak as at C made with red Ink, which oak was shewn by the deft as another Corner of the Plaintiffs land and proved by the oaths of John Kennedy and Thomas Riddle and are likewise mentioned in the deposition of Janus Bailey at the request of the Plff I Continued the same Course without any marked trees at 110 po. and 21 links was 8 Chains within an old Corn field at D the said Field formerly tended by Isaac Taylor a tenant on the late Col. Fitshughs land mentioned in the depositions of James Potter & Daniel Jennings, and Nicholas Minor here was shewn by Samuel Attwell as where Mottrams back line Comes through the old Cornfield, thence along Mottrams line S 78° 30 E. 117½ poles to a corner marked white oak at E. the line is mentioned in the depositions of the said Attwell, John Barnett and Wm Harding and the white oak is mentioned in the said Attwells deposition to be a corner of Captn McCarty and the now defendant and the deft said it is also a Corner of the Glebe land the plaintiff required me to survey from thence along a line of marked trees N. 40° E at 97 poles Came to a Cove Issuing out of Barres Creeke there angled to the line which was E 6/2 pole to a marked Gum standing on the banks of the Said Cove at Z which line is mentioned in the depons of the said Attwell, Edmund Bulger John Bulger, and John Rice, then the plaintiff required me to survey down the meanders of the said Cove to a marked red oak by Barres Creeke at D made with red Ink this tree the deft said is a line tree in a line which Comes from the aforesaid Triangular oaks to Barres Creeke, again at the request of the defendant I went from thence

over Barres Creeke to a marked locust a corner tree at G standing on the bank of Machotique river at the mouth of a small oyster Creeke a corner tree to the land of Captain Daniel McCarty deceased from thence reversed a marked line N. 86° 30' E to the aforesaid Barres Creeke then Crossing Over Barres Creeke to the aforesaid marked red oak at D. made with red ink at the request of the said defendant from E - I continued the line Called mottrams line S. 78° 36 E 179 poles further Came to a Cove at H Issuing out of a Creeke Called by Kennedy and others the parsons Creeke Then the defendant required to lay of the plaintiffs land and went to the aforesaid three triangular trees the defendant produced a deed of Gift from John Wright to his brother Richard Wright for three hundred acres of land as termed more or less Contained within certain bounds therein mentioned which deed is dated the 22nd of September Ann Dom 1714 the defendant asserts that the three Triangular trees is the Corner mentioned in the said deed as proved by the oaths of Kennady and Riddle aforesaid and mentioned in the deposition of James Bailey from thence Extending along a line of marked trees proved by the oaths of Kennady and Riddle as mentioned in their depositions and mentioned in the depositions of Kennady as a processioned line I went S. 82° E. 180 pole then Angled to the line the defendant stopt and went the aforesaid marked red oak by the side of Barres Creeke at D made with red Ink from thence I reversed the said marked line the said three triangular trees which reduced to a straight line is from the said three triangular trees to Barres Creeke S. 86° E. 195 poles and laid down in the plat with red Ink in surveying the last mentioned I went near several Elder marked line trees which the deft. asserts to be the line mentioned in the aforesaid deed of Gift therein Called the back line of the land of the late Colo. John Mottram and the deft produced a report of two surveyors (Jointly to the General Court purporting that a line was made by them according to an agreement made between Mr Francis Wright father of the aforesaid John and Richard) who held the land Called Mottrams and Major Thomas Youell to be for the bounds between them which surveyors report is dated the 26th day of September Anno 1687 afterwards at the plffs request I went to the afsd. marked red oak by Barres Creeke at D. made with red Ink from thence surveyed the several meanders Coves & points as laid down In the platt to the first mentioned beginning

Copy Teste
 B Claiborne
 p Ben: Walker C G Court

Surveyed by me
 Spence Monroe SWC

Westwd)
 Sct)

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This platt and survey of land under the hand of Spence Monoe Surveyor of the said County by him made for and between John Bushrod Guardian of Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased and Thomas McFarlane Plaintiffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant in Ejectment in the General Court were presented into this court by the said Lee, at whose motion the same are ordered

to be recorded.

Teste
Geo: Lee CWC

Kennedys Deopons between)
Wrights Guardian and Lee)

John Kennedy aged forty six years being first sworn saith that fifteen years ago he was overseer for Colo. Henry Lee at the plantation where John Wright formerly did live very near to the land in dispute, that when he first Come to be overseer for Colo. Lee he had occasion for board timber and as he was unacquainted with the lines he applied himself to John Howell (who had intermarried with the mother of Richard Wright and with whom the said Richard Wright then lived being a boy and under the Care of the said Howel) to shew him where to get the said boards that he might not commit a trespass upon any of the neighbours lands and the said Howel directed him to come to a place near the head of Barrs Creeke where he would find a parcel of rich well timbered land close by and adjoining to the place where John Rice a witness in the suit had cut down trees and further told him that he had once forewarned the said John Rice from Clearing the said Ground telling him that he thought it would be of Great Service to Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) But that in some short time afterwards going that way the said Howell had desired to see where the line run and after he found out which way the line went he said he was glad he had forewarned the said Rice for that had the said Rice gone on he would have Cleared upon Colo Lees land and this deponent further saith that about a year or two after this happened one Gerrard Davis who had intermarried with a sister of the said Richard Wright Came to the house of this deponent in Company with the said Richard Wright and thier the said Gerrard Davis in the hearing of this deponent perswaded the said Richard Wright to sue Colo. Lee for more land for that he'd engage the said Wright might recover to Colo. Motrams Back line which this deponent understood to be meant the line runs by the Plff in this survey and in a short time after this the above named John Howell and this deponent were standing for Deer and he this deponent Informed the said Howell of the discourse which he had heard at his house between the said Davis and the said Richard Wright whereupon the said Howell said to this deponent that Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) had better let alone suing the said Lee for if he sued Colo. Lee says he in my life time I shall surely be an evidence against him for as I go along with you home I'll shew you his and Corner (meaning of the said Richard Wright) whereupon they presently after went together to the three triangular trees to which the surveyor in running from the maple for the defendants Survey Came and this deponent and the said Howell standing by the said triangular trees the said Howel pointing to the said Maple and Cove below it told this deponent Wrights lines come from that cove to the maple and from thence to there triangular trees for they are one of Dickies corners (meaning the said Wright and the said Howell farther told this deponent at that time that he had marked these three trees by order of John Wright brother to the said Richard

Wright and in his presence and further told this deponant that his other line run from these trees to a point opposite to the mouth of Barrs Creeke and this deponant who lived Eight years in the neighbourhood of the land in Controversy has since several times gone along the said line and has seen old marked line trees all along the said line unless it such parts of the same as have been destroyed by Catterpillars which said line is the same which was run by Colo Henry Lee from a marked white oak upon the bank of the mouth of Barrs Creeke to the said three triangular trees in a reversed course and this deponant was farther told by the said Howell that he the said Howell had formerly lived as a domestick with Major Wright Father of John Wright and that those triangular trees were always in the life time of the said Major Wright and also of his Son John Wright reconed to stand in Colo Motrams Back line till such time as Colo Lee bought the land of the said John Wright and recovered as far as Kurs Tobacco Ground near to the line run by the plff for Motrams Back line which the said Howell told him had ever since been Reckoned Motrams back line and this deponant farther saith that about eleven years ago he became a tennant to the said Richard Wright and lived upon the land now in Controversy between his the said Wrights heir and the said Colo Lee for the space of three Years & in that time the said land was processioned and this deponant saith that he applied to the said Richard Wright to shew him the lines of the said land against the time the processioners should come whereupon the said Wright told this deponant that he would get the above named Howell to shew the lines to the said processioners telling this deponant that the said Howell was best acquainted with the bounds of the said land for that he (meaning the said Howell) was the person who was along with his brother John Wright when he laid of the land for the said Richard and had marked the lines after the said John Wright and this deponant farther saith that the said processioners afterwards in the presence of this deponant did procession the lines and by the defendant in this survey for the bounds of the said Richard Wrights lands and farther saith not - "John Kennedy" The above deposition was sworn to before me - "Edward Ransdill, August 9th 1744

Westmd Sct

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of John Kennedy's in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is admitted to record

Teste
Geo: Lee CWC

Riddells deposi between)
Wright's Guardian and Lee)

Thomas Riddle aged upwards of forty two years being first sworn saith that about

nineteen years ago when he had lived as a domestick with John Howell for two years before the said Howell and this deponant were one day standing for deer and amongst other discourse the said Howell then told this deponant that he would shew him the bounds of Dickie Wrights land which his brother John Wright had given him by deed at which time the said Richard Wright was a boy under the Care of the said Howell who was father in law to the said Wright and having first shewn him the water bounds thereof he the said Howell went afterwards with this deponant to the maple Corner of the bounds of the said land noted in the survey or platt from which maple the said deponant was shewn a line of marked trees by the said Howell which run to three triangular oaks shewed as a Corner to the said Richard Wrights land by the deft Colo Lee in the survey and this deponant farther saith that when the said Howel in Company of this deponant Come to the said three trees the said Howell told him that he himself had marked the said three trees as a corner of Richard Wrights land by the order and in the presence of the said John Wright and at the same time the said Howell desired this deponant to take particular notice of the said three trees lest there should hereafter be any dispute about them and from the said three trees the said Howell pointed towards Barr's Creeke and told this deponant that from those three trees there went aline of marked trees down to Barrs Creeke which in like manner the said Howell told this deponant he had marked by the consent and in the presence of John Wright above mentioned and the said Howell affirmed to this deponant that these woodland were the bounds of Richard Wrights land which had been given him by his said Brother John Wright and this deponant farther saith that about ten years after this at which time the said Howell lived upon part of the land belonging to the said Richard Wright adjoining to the land in dispute the said Howell shewed this deponant the end of the line last mentioned from the three trees where it run into Barrs Creeke by a great pine standing upon the bank opposite to the mouth of the said Barrs Creeke to which the defendant in survying the lines of the said Richard Wrights deed in this survey Came and this deponant farther saith when examined on behalf of the plff that Mrs. Howell mother of the said Richard Wright told this deponant that Major Wright on his death Bed desired his son John Wright to gave Hazelriggs plantation to his Brother Richard and farther told this deponant that she believes the said John Wright would never have done it had not been on account of her relinquishing to him the great house and farther the said John Howell told this deponant that he believed there was not above 100 acres of the land given hiim by the said deed & further saith not Thos. Riddall

The above deposition was sworn to before me Edward Ransdell Augt. 9th 1744.

Westmoreland Sct

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of Thomas Riddall in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plff and Henry Lee Gent: defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is the same

is admitted to record

Test Geo: Lee CWC

Baileys depon between Wrights Guardian & Lee)

James Bailey aged thirty nine years or thereabouts being first sworn saith that some time before the death of Richard Wright he had some discourse with the said Wright Concerning a suit which he had heard that he intended to bring against Colo Lee the now defendant for the land now in dispute and upon asking the said Wright whether he intended to bring the said suit or not the said Wright told him that he had some thoughts of bringing such suit but he believed he had done with it for that he believed the three triangular trees which are mentioned in his deed (meaning the deed from his Brother John to him which this deponent had before seen) would be a Barr to him and this deponent being examined in behalf of the Plff farther saith that some time, before the discourse above mentioned happened the said Richard Wright had told him that by his deed he should have three hundred acres of land of but he did not hold near so much and farther told him that he ought to go to Mottrams Back line and his reason for saying so was this that he at the time his deed was made as this deponent understood Mottrams line was where his bounds had been laid off to him but that since then Colo. Lee had by a law suit recovered land farther Back which was now accounted Mottrams Back line and therefore he thought his land should extend to the said line and farther saith not "James Bailey" The above deposition was sworn to before me "Edward Randell - Augt 9th 1744 -

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B: Claiborne p Ben: Walker CG.C

Westmd Sct

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of James Bailey in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is admitted to record.

Teste Geo: Lee CWC.

Virginia Sct

At a General Court held at the Capitol April 27th 1745

Thomas McFarlane	Plff)
against)
Henry Lee Gent	Deft)

In ejuectment for two messuages two tenements and three hundred Acres of land with the appurtenances in the parish of Cople in the County of westmoreland of the demise of John Bushrod Guardian of Francis Wright.

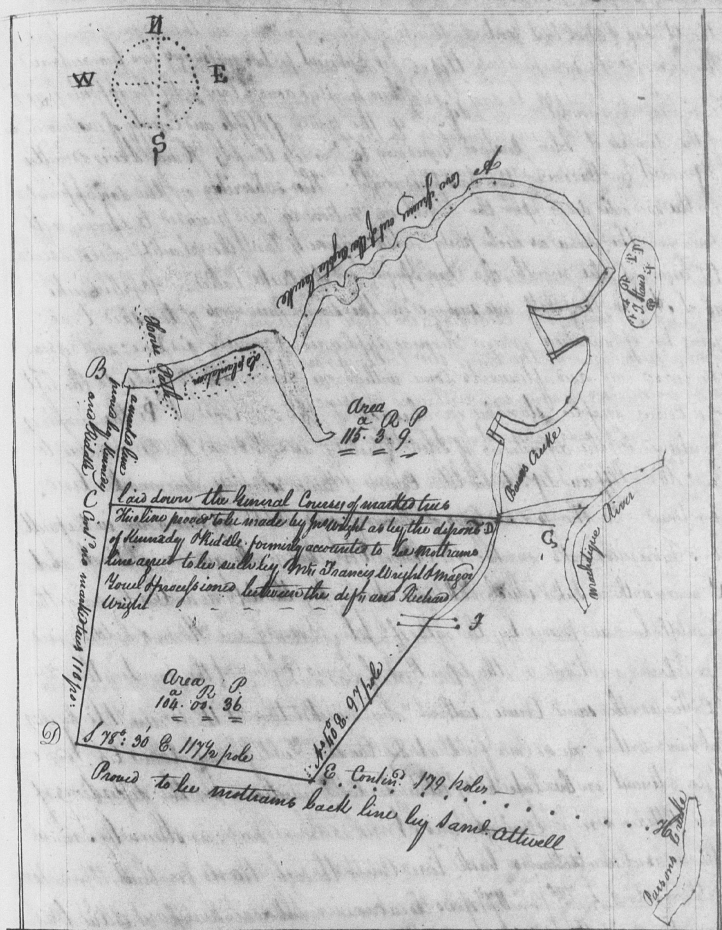
This day Came the parties by their attornies and thereupon Came also a Jury to wit Benjamin Hubbard &c who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the Issue Joined upon their oath do say that the red line laid down in the Surveyors platt from C to D is the dividing line between the said Francis Wright and the said Henry Lee and that therefore the defendant to act quietly of the trespass and ejectment in the declaration supposed as in pleading he hath alledged therefore it is Considered by the Court that the plaintiff take nothing by his bill but for his false clamour be in mercy &c. and the defendant go thereof hence without day and recover against the Lessor of the plaintiff his costs by him about his defence in this behalf expended

. . . .
Westmd. Scrt

At a Court continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This Judgement upon an Ejectment in the General Court determined in favour of Henry Lee Gent. at the suit of Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane together with the bill of Costs thereon were presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same are admitted to record.

Teste Geo: Lee CWC."

A plat of the survey included in the recording and showing the dividing line C-D referred to in the verdict is shown on the next page:



A Table to Explain this plot—

- A. the lyngium at the mouth of above Spring out of the system Creek meet? in John Wright's
dug of left and goes to both by Piff and diff.
B. a corner sample meet? in the apt. dug of left and goes to by both Piff and diff.
C. No thin triangular lens shows by the diff. as another corner in the ridge of left join by the outer of
Piff and diff.
D. the placoderm the Piff came to within an old Crofield and in the dip of better, because, because
E. a corner white oak meet? in the dip of all well
F. a marks bar standing on the bank of a low Spring out of above creek
D. a marks as not stand by Barnes in Creek for a line of marks to the top of the 3 triangular white above creek
H. a marks bar stand at the mouth of a small creek on the bank of Matheque river
H. at a corner Spring out of the porous Creek
B.C. are no lines prescribed as by the definition. by one Spencer Monroe Six family
C.B.D. of Hurray.

This suit is clearly referencing the land of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, part of which had been gifted by 1729/30 John Wright to his brother 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and then passed by 1741 Richard Wright's will to Francis Wright. The depositions indicate that Richard Wright was a boy in 1729, indicating that he was under the age of 21 at that time and, therefore, born after about 1708. The death of 1713 Francis Wright by June 23, 1713, indicates that Richard Wright had to have been born by mid-1714, thereby giving a range of from 1708 to mid-1714 for the year of birth of Richard Wright.

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Elizabeth Wright, widow of Richard Wright, and Thomas McFarlane before July 30, 1745:

"McFarlane, Thomas & Wright, Elizabeth (wid.); bef. 30 Jul 1745; bride was the rel. of Rich. Wright & a dau. of Wm. (d. WC 1721) & Frances (Johnson) (d. WC 1733) Wigginton; (WC DW 7:348; DW 8-2:17; DW 10:162; DW 12:92; Tucker:146)"

On January 9, 1746, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 10/333, Thomas McFarlane purchased from George and Ann Conway 123 acres of land:

"This Indenture made the Ninth day of Janury in t he twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c., And in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and forty six; Between George Conway and Ann his Wife of Wiccom Parish and Lancaster County of one part and Thomas McFarlane of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmorland of other part; Witnesseth that George Conway and Ann his Wife in consideration of the sum of Fifty five pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand by Thomas McFarlane well and truly paid, the receipt whereof George Conway and Ann his Wife doth hereby acknowledge, hath and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto Thomas McFarlane his heirs all that parcel of land containing One hundred and twenty three acres, scituate in Parish of Cople in County of Westmorland formerly belonging to Samuel Heath, Gentleman, deceased, Father to the above said Ann, and according to an Order granted by Northumberland County Court for an Alotment to the said Heath's heirs by John Waughope, William Taite and John Foushee, Gentlemen, and their Report return'd to the said County Court, hath allotted the One hundred and twenty three acres of land to George Conway and Ann his Wife, and may it more fully appear by an Order of Westmorland County Court bearing date the 23rd day of February 1741, Samuel Oldham Gent., and Peter Rust being two of the persons in and by the said Order named together and in company with James Thomas, Junior, Surveyor of County of Westmorland, to import the division and allotment of Three hundred and seventy three acres of land amongst Elizabeth Wright,

Widow, Henry Wigginton and Mary Pope, Widow, who at the time was possest with the one hundred and twenty three acres of land, And by the said Report is bounded; beginning at a Stake at (J) between three red Oaks, thence S. 47d. W. 138 poles to (K), thence S. 44d. E. 140 poles to (D), thence N. 43 1/2d. E. along Middleton's line 150 poles to (H), thence N. 50 1/2d W. 131 1/2 poles to the beginning, with all rights members and appurtenances belonging; To have and to hold the one hundred and twenty three acres of land and all the premises unto Thomas McFarlane his heirs, and George Conway and Ann his Wife for themselves their heirs the land and premises unto Thomas McFarlane his heirs against all persons shall warrant and forever defend by these presents; In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sign'd Seal'd and Deliver'd George Conway
in presence of Anne Conway
G. ()urrell,
Isaac Taylor

Receiv'd of Thomas McFarlane the sum of Fifty five pounds current money of Virginia in full payment for the consideration within mentioned, Witness our hands this Ninth day of January Annoque Domini 1746/7

George Conway
Anne Conway

Memorandum; That on the thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and forty seven, George Conway and Ann his Wife made Livery and Seizen of the land and appurtenances within mentioned by delivery of Turf and Twigg and the Ring of the Door of the Chief Mansion House on the lands unto Thomas McFarlane in the name of the whole lands and appurtenances within granted and sold according to the form and effect of the Deed in presence of

George his mark Habron
Winefred her mark X Blundall

Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 30th day of June 1747 George Conway, Gent., came into Court and personally acknowledged this Deed of Feofment for lands by him passed to Thomas McFarlane, together with the Livery of Seizen and Receipt for consideration thereon endorsed to be his proper act and deed, And Ann the Wife of the said George (being first privily examined according to Law) relinquished her Right of Dower and Inheritance of in and to the lands by the said Deed conveyed, all which on motion of the said McFarlane is admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 3rd day of July 1747,

p. G.L., C.C.W.

Know All Men by these presents that George Conway and Ann his Wife of the Parish of Wiccomico and County of Lancaster, do owe and stand indebted and are by these presents firmly bounden and obliged unto Thomas McFarlane of Parish of Cople and County of Westmorland in the penal sum of One hundred and ten pounds current money of Virginia to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs firmly by these presents; Sealed with our seals and dated this Ninth dy of January in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by God's grace of Great Britain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith Annoque Domini 1746.

The Condition of the obligation is such tht if the above bound George Conway and Ann his Wife their heirs truly observe and keep all covenants which on their parts ought to be observed and kept comprized in one Indenture of bargain and sale made between George Conway and Ann his Wife and Thomas McFarlane, according to the true meaning of the same Indenture, That then the above obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to stand and remain and be in full force power strength and virtue

Sign'd Seal'd and Delier'd in presence of

G. ()urrell,
Isaac Taylor

George Conway
Anne Conway

Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 30th day of June 1747 George Conway, Gent., and Ann his Wife came into Court and personally acknowledged this Bond by them passed to Thomas McFarlane for performance of covenants to be their proper act and deed, which on motion of said McFarlane is admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 4th day of July 1747

p. G. L., C.C.W."

The will of Henry Wigginton dated on June 17, 1748, and probated on July 26, 1748, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. S/11, listed Elizabeth Wright, the daughter of Richard Wright, as his cousin:

"In The Name Of God, Amen. I Henry Wigginton of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmorld. (Planter) being very sick and weak of body but of perfect sence & memory, thanks and praise be to God for the same, and believing that it

is appointed once for all men to dye and calling to mind the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testamt. in manner and form following. First, I render my Soul to God that gave it me and my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my Exors. hereafter named, And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, my just debts being first paid, I give devise & dispose of in manner & form following; (vizt).

I give and bequeath to my Unkle, Roger Wigginton, & his heirs forever two negroes named Jack & Old Nan. I give & bequeath to my Unkle, Roger Wigginton's Son, Spencer Wigginton, and his heirs for ever, two Negroes named Frank & Young Nan. I give & bequeath to my good Friend, Mistress Mary Lee, & her heirs for ever one Negro named Phillis & I give & bequeath to my Cousin, Saml. Rust, (Son of Mister Peter Rust), and his heirs for ever one Negro named Winney. I give & bequeath to my Cousin, Eliza: Wright, (Daughter of Mister Richd. Wright, deceased), and her heirs for ever one Negro named Sucky, I order all my Stocks of Cattle, Hoggs, Horses & Sheep, my Crops of Corn & Tobacco, Rents and all my other personal Estate to be sold towards paying my debts & if there should remain any more upon the sale of my Estate wch. I have ordered to be sold than will pay my just debts, I give and bequeath the over plus of my sd. Estate to my Cousin, Elizabeth McFarlane/Wife of Mister Thos: McFarlane/ & her heirs for ever.

Lastly I do constitute & appoint my Friends, Majr. George Lee and Richard Lee, Esqr., my Executrs. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & fixed my seal the Seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundd. & forty eight. & in the twenty second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, &c.

Signed Sealed Delivered & Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Henry Wigginton

in presence of	Henry Wigginton
Richd: Lee	
John Wheeler	
Saml: Watts	
his mark	
John IB Deboe	

Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the sd. County the 26th day of July 1748 This Last Will & Testamt. of Henry Wigginton, deced., was presented into Court by George Lee & Richd: Lee, Gent., his Exors. in the sd. Will named, and being prov'd by ye Oaths of Saml. Watts and John Deboe, two of the witnesses thereto, & ordd. to be recorded; And on mocon of the sd. Exors. & their performing wht is usual in such cases, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 8th day of August 1748,

pr. G. L., C.C.W."

The identification of Elizabeth Wright as Henry Wigginton's cousin is further confirmation of the identification of Richard Wright's wife Elizabeth as Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.

On November 13, 1753, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 12/48, Thomas McFarlane and his wife Elizabeth McFarlane and Gerrard Davis sold to Francis Wright the 123 acres of land acquired by Westmoreland County D.&W.B. 10/333:

"This Indenture made the thirteen day of November in the twenty seventh year of the reign of Our sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c and in the year of Our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and fifty three Between Gerrard Davis Thos McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife of the parish of Cople and County of Westmorland of the One part and Francis Wright of the parish and County aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Gerrard Cavis, Thomas McFarlane & Elizeh his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of five shillings and Other Consideration to them made and paid at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents by the said Francis Wright well and truly paid the receipt whereof them the said Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife dothe hereby acknowledge themselves therewith fully sattisfied and paid and thereof and every part thereof doth clearly acquit exonerate and discharge the said Francis Wright his heirs executors and administrators forever by these presents hath given granted aliened bargained sold enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm unto the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever all that Peice parcell or tract of land Containing One hundred and twenty three acres be the same more or less situate lying and being in the parish of Cople and County of Westmorland late in possion of Henry Wiginton deceased binding on the land of Mr Robert Carter and on the land of John Fleming and on the land of Peter Smith and on the land where Thomas McFarlane now lives and on the land of the said McFarlane formerly belonging to Samuel Heath deceased with all and singular its rights members Jurisdications and appurtenances together with all houses Out houses edifices buildings Orchards gardens lands tenements fences, pastures woods underwoods ways profits commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuage tenement or premisses or to any part or parcel of them belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders of all and singular the before mentioned premisses and rent and rents refered upon any grant and grants demise and demises made of the premisses or of any part or parcell of

them and allso all the estate right, title, interest, use possessions property Claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Gerrard Davis Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife in or to the same and all deeds writings and evidences whatsoever touching or concerning the premisses or any part or parcel of them To Have and to Hold the said messuage or tenement of One hundred and twenty three acres of land be the same more or less and all and singular other the premisses hereby granted bargained and sold with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns to the Only proper use and behoof of the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns forever and the said Gerrard Davis, Thos McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs &c the said messuage or tenement and all and singular Other the premisses before granted bargained and sold with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright and his heirs to the Only proper use and Behoof of the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever, against them the said Gerard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizt his wife their heirs and assigns and all and every Other person and persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by from or under them or any of them and against the claim or claims of any Other person or persons whatsoever shall and Will warrant and forever defend by these presents and the said Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators do covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them by these presents in manner and form following (that is to say) that they the said Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Eliza his wife at the time of the sealing and delivering of these presents is an untill a good perfect and absolute estate of inheritance of all and and singular the before granted premisses and every part thereof shall be fully Vested settled and executed on and upon the said Francis Wright and his heirs according to the true meaning of these presents shall remain Continue and be seized of and in the said Messuage and all and singular Other the premisses by these presents granted bargained and sold with all and every their rights members and appurtenances of a Good pure perfect and absolute estate of inheritance in fee simple without any Condition reversion, remainder or limitation of any uses or estates in or to any person whatsoever to alter change defeat, determine or make void the same and that the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them shall or may by force and Virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter lawfully, peaceably and quietly have hold Occupy, possess and enjoy the said Messuage or tenement and all and singular the before granted premisses with every of their appurtenances without any lawfull let, suit troble, denial, interuption or disturbance of them the said Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizh his wife their heirs or assigns or any Other person or persons whatsoever and that freely and clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged or Otherways from time to time Well and sufficiently saved and Kept harmless by the said Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth their heirs executors or administrators of and from all and all manner of former and Other gifts grants bargains, Sales leasses Joynters dowers, titles dowers entailments arrearages of rents, And of and from all and singular Other titles troubles, charges, demands and encumbrances whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the first mentioned parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Seal'd and deli-)	Gerard Davis
vered in presents of)	Thos. McFarlane
Daniel Tibbs	Elizabeth McFarlane
W. Middleton	
Saml. Rust	
William Rust	

Memorandum, that on the 13th day of November in the year of Our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred fifty three the within named Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife made levery and seizeson of the lands and appurtenances within mentioned by delivering turff and twigg and the ring of the door of the Cheif mansion House on the lands within mentioned unto the within named Francis Wright in the name of the whole lands and appurtenances within granted bargained and sold according to the tenor form and effect of the within deed - in presence of us

W Middleton)	
Saml Rust)	
Wm Rust)	

Received of Francis Wright the sum of five shillings current money and Other Considerations in full payment for the Consideration within mentioned. Witness Our hands this thirteenth day of November Anno Dom 1753

Teste,)	Gerrard Davis
Danl Tibbs	Thos McFarlane
W Middleton	Elizabeth McFarlane
Saml Rust	
William Rust	

Westmorland SC:

At a court held for the said County the 27th day of November An Dom 1753 This Deed of feoffment of land passed from Gerrard Davis Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his wife to Francis Wright was in Open Court acknowledged by the said Davis McFarlane to be their proper act and deed and on the motion of the said Wright is admitted to record,

Test,
George Lee CCW

Recorded the 5th day of December A. Dom 1753

Per, G. L C.C.W."

The will of Thomas McFarlane was dated on September 1, 1755, probated on November 25, 1755, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 12/303, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God, Amen. I Thomas McFarlane of County of Westmorland being very sick and weak but of perfect sence and memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following;

Item. I give unto Elizabeth Cox one Mare which she now has in her possession

Item. I give unto Francis Wright my Saddle, Pistols and furniture and all my Cloths;

Item. I give unto my loving Wife, Elizabeth McFarlane my hole Estate both real and personall for the support of my four Daughters, Mary, Jane, Anne and Hannah McFarlane untill they shall respectively arrive to the age of eighteen years or married and then each of them to receive one fifth part of the Negroes and other personal Estate, and after my Wife's decease, I give all my lands to my Daughter Mary McFarlane and her heirs forever on condition that she pay three fourths of the value of the lands to her three Sisters, Jane, Ann and Hannah; to be equally divided between them, but if my Daughter, Mary, shall refuse to take the lands on the terms abovementioned, I then give the said lands to either of the other of my three Daughters before mentioned and their heirs forever yt.'ll pay three fourths to the other of my three Daughters, the preference being given to the Eldest of taking the lands;

Lastly, I appoint my loving Wife, Elizabeth McFarlane, Executrix, and my Friends, John Bushord and Francis Wright, Executors, of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of September 1755

Signed sealed and published Thos: McFarlane
in the presence of
Wm. Flood
 her mark
Elizabeth Murphay

Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 25th day of November 1755 This Last Will and Testament of Thomas McFarlane, deceased, was proved by the Oaths of William Flood and Elizabeth Murphy, and on the motion of Francis Wright and Elizabeth, the Relict of the said deced., and their performing what is usual in such cases, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 11th December 1755

per G. L., C.C.W."

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane resided with her husband in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on September 1, 1755, and died after September 1, 1755.

On July 2, 1799, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/91, Elisabeth McFarlane of Westmoreland County sold to William Wright 110 acres of land:

"McFarlane)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made the 2nd day of July in the Year of our lord 1799 Between Elisabeth McFarlane of the County of Westmoreland of the one part and William Wright of the County aforesaid of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Elisabeth McLane for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & Fifty Pounds current money of Virginia to me the said Elisabeth in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I the said Elisabeth McLane hath granted bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns a Tract of land lying in the Parish of Cople in the County aforesaid and containing one hundred and Ten Acres being all the maiden land belonging to the said Elisabeth and bounded as follows Vist. on the east side by the lands which the late Fleet Cox purchased of Thomas Moore on the North by a tract of land Called Davis's on the West by the land Which Doetr. Thomas McLanie purchased of Conway and on the south by the road leading from Richmond Courthouse to Kinsale, and also all woods, ways, water courses profits commodities, heriditaments and appurtenances, Buildings and houses whatsoever to the said Tract of Land above described belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders, rents Issues and Profits of the said premisses and every part & parcel thereof and all the estate right, Title, Interest claim and Demand whatsoever of her the said Elisabeth McFarlane of in and to the said land, and Tenements and Premisses and every part thereof To have and To hold the said lands and Tenements and all and Singular other the Premisses above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenances unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Elisabeth McFarlane for himself and her heirs the said Land and Appurtenances and every part thereof against her and her heirs and against all and every person and persons whatsoever to the said William Wright his heirs & assigns shall and will Warrant and forever defend by thes presents In Witness whereof I the said Elisabeth hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered In our presence Nathl. Oldham
J. W. Wright
J Dawson
Saml Harrison
Richard Wright

)) Elisabeth her X McFarlane

July 2nd 1799

Then received payment in full of the within Land I say received p me

Teste Nathaniel Oldham J. W. Wright
J Dawson
James Harrison
Richd. Wright

Elisabeth her X McFarling mark

At a Court held for Westmd County the 27th day of January 1800. The foregoing deed from McFarlane to Wright was presented to the Court and proved by the oaths of Samuel Harrison and Johston W. Wright two of the witnesses thereto and lodged for further proof and at January Court fully proved by the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jos: Fox Jun CWC"

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane was still living in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on July 2, 1799.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"28. Mary Ann⁴ Cox, (Margaret Fleet³, Henry², Henry¹) married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, who left will 5 Dec. 1775-26 March 1793.¹⁰⁵

. . . .

¹⁰⁵ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Richard Wright and Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane were the following:

- 1) Francis Wright, born after March 10, 1722, and probably before 1732, and

before Mar 10, 1740, and

2) Elizabeth (Wright) Cox, born before March 10, 1740.

a. 1776 Francis Wright Of Westmoreland County, His Wives
Mary Ann (Cox) Wright And Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright)
Lewis, And His Descendants

1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of
1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright)
McFarlane. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴)

The will of Richard Wright dated on March 10, 1740, and probated on
October 27, 1741, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 9/192, listed Francis Wright
as his son:

"In The Name of God Amen I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople and County
of Westmoreland do make and ordain this my Present last will and
Testament in manner and form following that is to say, Item, I give and
bequeath unto my Son Francis Wright all that Tract or parcel of Land in Lower
mochotick which was given to me by my Brother John Wright. I also give to my
Son Francis four Slaves Vizt, Mollattoe Tom, Negroe Tom, Natt and Frank all
which land and Negroes I give to him the Said Francis and his heirs forever, and
Further my will and desire is that my Son Francis Wright be for himself at the
Age of Eighteen years, Item I give to my Dear and loveing wife Eliza
Wright the whole and Sole use of Six Slaves for and during her Natural life as
Vizt. Fortune, Charmer, Harry, Old Frank great Frank, and Joe a boy and after
her decease I give the Said Negroes with Their Increse to be Equally divided
Between my son Francis Wright and My Daughter Eliza Wright and their heirs
forever. I also give my Dear and well beloved wife all that Land whereon I now
live for and during her Natural life and after her decease I will the Said Land to
my Son Francis Wright and his heirs for ever. Item my will and desire is that all
the rest and Residue of my Estate Goods and Chattles whatsoever be Equally
divided between my wife Eliza my son Francis and daughter Eliza and their heirs
for Ever Shair and Shair alike"

On August 9, 1744, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 10/150, a
surveyor's report and court verdict was filed in the suit of Wright's Guardian vs. Lee:

"Wrights Guardian &c	)	Westmd County
vs	)	August the 9th 1744
See surveyors report)	

In obedience to an order of the Honble the General Court the 21st day of April
last past

Thomas McFarlane	Plff)
vs)
Ferdinande Drednought	deft)

In Ejectment for two messuages two tenements and three hundred acres of land with the appurtenances in the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland of the demises of John Bushrod Guardian to Francis Wright, Henry Lee is admitted defendant in the room of the said Drednought. The subscriber on the day appointed in the said order did go upon the lands in Controversy and proceeded to survey and lay out the same as each party did require First the plaintiff directed me to begin at the mouth of a Cove Issuing out of a Creeke Called the Oyster Creeke as at A. in the platt and surveyed in the several meanders of the said Cove going by a plantation where Thomas Appleyard formerly did live and Crossing the horse road and afterwards come within one chain and 13 links to the left of a Corner maple standing in a branch of the said Cove at B the maple is mentioned in the depositions of John Kennady and Thomas Riddle and agreed to by both Plff and deft. to be their Corner thence extending along a marked line mentioned in the depositions of Kennedy and Riddle as laid down in the platt to 3 Triangular oaks marked for a corner Vist two red oaks and one white oak as at C made with red Ink, which oak was shewn by the deft as another Corner of the Plaintiffs land and proved by the oaths of John Kennedy and Thomas Riddle and are likewise mentioned in the deposition of Janus Bailey at the request of the Plff I Continued the same Course without any marked trees at 110 po. and 21 links was 8 Chains within an old Corn field at D the said Field formerly tended by Isaac Taylor a tenant on the late Col. Fitshughs land mentioned in the depositions of James Potter & Daniel Jennings, and Nicholas Minor here was shewn by Samuel Attwell as where Mottrams back line Comes through the old Cornfield, thence along Mottrams line S 78° 30 E. 117½ poles to a corner marked white oak at E. the line is mentioned in the depositions of the said Attwell, John Barnett and Wm Harding and the white oak is mentioned in the said Attwells deposition to be a corner of Captn McCarty and the now defendant and the deft said it is also a Corner of the Glebe land the plaintiff required me to survey from thence along a line of marked trees N. 40° E at 97 poles Came to a Cove Issuing out of Barres Creeke there angled to the line which was E 6/2 pole to a marked Gum standing on the banks of the Said Cove at Z which line is mentioned in the depons of the said Attwell, Edmund Bulger John Bulger, and John Rice, then the plaintiff required me to survey down the meanders of the said Cove to a marked red oak by Barres Creeke at D made with red Ink this tree the deft said is a line tree in a line which Comes from the aforesaid Triangular oaks to Barres Creeke, again at the request of the defendant I went from thence over Barres Creeke to a marked locust a corner tree at G standing on the bank of Machotique river at the mouth of a small oyster Creeke a corner tree to the land of Captain Daniel McCarty deceased from thence reversed a marked line N. 86° 30' E to the aforesaid Barres Creeke then Crossing Over Barres Creeke to the aforesaid marked red oak at D. made with red ink at the request of the said defendant from E - I continued the line Called mottrams line S. 78° 36 E 179 poles further Came to a Cove at H Issuing out of a Creeke Called by Kennedy

and others the parsons Creeke Then the defendant required to lay of the plaintiffs land and went to the aforesaid three triangular trees the defendant produced a deed of Gift from John Wright to his brother Richard Wright for three hundred acres of land as termed more or less Contained within certain bounds therein mentioned which deed is dated the 22nd of September Ann Dom 1714 the defendant asserts that the three Triangular trees is the Corner mentioned in the said deed as proved by the oaths of Kennady and Riddle aforesaid and mentioned in the deposition of James Bailey from thence Extending along a line of marked trees proved by the oaths of Kennady and Riddle as mentioned in their depositions and mentioned in the depositions of Kennady as a processioned line I went S. 82° E. 180 pole then Angled to the line the defendant stopt and went the aforesaid marked red oak by the side of Barres Creeke at D made with red Ink from thence I reversed the said marked line the said three triangular trees which reduced to a straight line is from the said three triangular trees to Barres Creeke S. 86° E. 195 poles and laid down in the plat with red Ink in surveying the last mentioned I went near several Elder marked line trees which the deft. asserts to be the line mentioned in the aforesaid deed of Gift therein Called the back line of the land of the late Colo. John Mottram and the deft produced a report of two surveyors (Jointly to the General Court purporting that a line was made by them according to an agreement made between Mr Francis Wright father of the aforesaid John and Richard) who held the land Called Mottrams and Major Thomas Youell to be for the bounds between them which surveyors report is dated the 26th day of September Anno 1687 afterwards at the plffs request I went to the afsd. marked red oak by Barres Creeke at D. made with red Ink from thence surveyed the several meanders Coves & points as laid down In the platt to the first mentioned beginning

Copy Teste
B Claiborne
p Ben: Walker C G Court

Surveyed by me
Spence Monroe SWC

Westwd)
Sct)

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This platt and survey of land under the hand of Spence Monoe Surveyor of the said County by him made for and between John Bushrod Guardian of Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased and Thomas McFarlane Plaintiffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant in Ejectment in the General Court were presented into this court by the said Lee, at whose motion the same are ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Geo: Lee CWC

Kennedys Deopons between)
Wrights Guardian and Lee)

John Kennedy aged forty six years being first sworn saith that fifteen years ago he was overseer for Colo. Henry Lee at the plantation where John Wright formerly did live very near to the land in dispute, that when he first Come to be overseer for Colo. Lee he had occasion for board timber and as he was unacquainted with the lines he applied himself to John Howell (who had intermarried with the mother of Richard Wright and with whom the said Richard Wright then lived being a boy and under the Care of the said Howel) to shew him where to get the said boards that he might not commit a trespass upon any of the neighbours lands and the said Howel directed him to come to a place near the head of Barrs Creeke where he would find a parcel of rich well timbered land close by and adjoining to the place where John Rice a witness in the suit had cut down trees and further told him that he had once forewarned the said John Rice from Clearing the said Ground telling him that he thought it would be of Great Service to Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) But that in some short time afterwards going that way the said Howell had desired to see where the line run and after he found out which way the line went he said he was glad he had forewarned the said Rice for that had the said Rice gone on he would have Cleared upon Colo Lees land and this deponant further saith that about a year or two after this happened one Gerrard Davis who had intermarried with a sister of the said Richard Wright Came to the house of this deponant in Company with the said Richard Wright and thier the said Gerrard Davis in the hearing of this deponant perswaded the said Richard Wright to sue Colo. Lee for more land for that he'd engage the said Wright might recover to Colo. Motrams Back line which this deponant understood to be meant the line runs by the Plff in this survey and in a short time after this the above named John Howell and this deponant were standing for Deer and he this deponant Informed the said Howell of the discourse which he had heard at his house between the said Davis and the said Richard Wright whereupon the said Howell said to this deponant that Dickie (meaning the said Richard Wright) had better let alone suing the said Lee for if he sued Colo. Lee says he in my life time I shall surely be an evidence against him for as I go along with you home I'll shew you his and Corner (meaning of the said Richard Wright) whereupon they presently after went together to the three triangular trees to which the surveyor in running from the maple for the defendants Survey Came and this deponant and the said Howell standing by the said triangular trees the said Howel pointing to the said Maple and Cove below it told this deponant Wrights lines come from that cove to the maple and from thence to there triangular trees for they are one of Dickies corners (meaning the said Wright and the said Howell farther told this deponant at that time that he had marked these three trees by order of John Wright brother to the said Richard Wright and in his presence and further told this deponant that his other line run from these trees to a point opposite to the mouth of Barrs Creeke and this deponant who lived Eight years in the neighbourhood of the land in Controversy has since several times gone along the said line and has seen old marked line trees all along the said line unless it such parts of the same as have been destroyed by Catterpillars which said line is the same which was run by Colo Henry Lee from a marked white oak upon the bank of the mouth of Barrs Creeke

to the said three triangular trees in a reversed course and this deponant was farther told by the said Howell that he the said Howell had formerly lived as a domestick with Major Wright Father of John Wright and that those triangular trees were always in the life time of the said Major Wright and also of his Son John Wright reconed to stand in Colo Motrams Back line till such time as Colo Lee bought the land of the said John Wright and recovered as far as Kurs Tobacco Ground near to the line run by the plff for Motrams Back line which the said Howell told him had ever since been Reckoned Motrams back line and this deponant farther saith that about eleven years ago he became a tennant to the said Richard Wright and lived upon the land now in Controversy between his the said Wrights heir and the said Colo Lee for the space of three Years & in that time the said land was processioned and this deponant saith that he applied to the said Richard Wright to shew him the lines of the said land against the time the processioners should come whereupon the said Wright told this deponant that he would get the above named Howell to shew the lines to the said processioners telling this deponant that the said Howell was best acquainted with the bounds of the said land for that he (meaning the said Howell) was the person who was along with his brother John Wright when he laid of the land for the said Richard and had marked the lines after the said John Wright and this deponant farther saith that the said processioners afterwards in the presence of this deponant did procession the lines and by the defendant in this survey for the bounds of the said Richard Wrights lands and farther saith not - "John Kennedy" The above deposition was sworn to before me - "Edward Ransdill, August 9th 1744

Westmd Sct

At a Court held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of John Kennedy's in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is admitted to record

Teste
Geo: Lee CWC

Riddells deposi between)
Wrights Guardian and Lee)

Thomas Riddle aged upwards of forty two years being first sworn saith that about nineteen years ago when he had lived as a domestick with John Howell for two years before the said Howell and this deponant were one day standing for deer and amongst other discourse the said Howell then told this deponant that he would shew him the bounds of Dickie Wrights land which his brother John Wright had given him by deed at which time the said Richard Wright was a boy under the Care of the said Howell who was father in law to the said Wright and having first shewn him the water bounds thereof he the said Howell went afterwards with

this deponant to the maple Corner of the bounds of the said land noted in the survey or platt from which maple the said deponant was shewn a line of marked trees by the said Howell which run to three triangular oaks shewed as a Corner to the said Richard Wrights land by the deft Colo Lee in the survey and this deponant farther saith that when the said Howel in Company of this deponant Come to the said three trees the said Howell told him that he himself had marked the said three trees as a corner of Richard Wrights land by the order and in the presence of the said John Wright and at the same time the said Howell desired this deponant to take particular notice of the said three trees lest there should hereafter be any dispute about them and from the said three trees the said Howell pointed towards Barr's Creeke and told this deponant that from those three trees there went aline of marked trees down to Barrs Creeke which in like manner the said Howell told this deponant he had marked by the consent and in the presence of John Wright above mentioned and the said Howell affirmed to this deponant that these woodland were the bounds of Richard Wrights land which had been given him by his said Brother John Wright and this deponant farther saith that about ten years after this at which time the said Howell lived upon part of the land belonging to the said Richard Wright adjoining to the land in dispute the said Howell shewed this deponant the end of the line last mentioned from the three trees where it run into Barrs Creeke by a great pine standing upon the bank opposite to the mouth of the said Barrs Creeke to which the defendant in survying the lines of the said Richard Wrights deed in this survey Came and this deponant farther saith when examined on behalf of the plff that Mrs. Howell mother of the said Richard Wright told this deponant that Major Wright on his death Bed desired his son John Wright to gave Hazelriggs plantation to his Brother Richard and farther told this deponant that she believes the said John Wright would never have done it had not been on account of her relinquishing to him the great house and farther the said John Howell told this deponant that he believed there was not above 100 acres of the land given hiim by the said deed & further saith not Thos. Riddall

The above deposition was sworn to before me Edward Ransdell Augt. 9th 1744.

Westmoreland Sct

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of Thomas Riddall in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plff and Henry Lee Gent: defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is the same is admitted to record

Test Geo: Lee CWC

Baileys depon between Wrights Guardian & Lee)

James Bailey aged thirty nine years or thereabouts being first sworn saith that

some time before the death of Richard Wright he had some discourse with the said Wright Concerning a suit which he had heard that he intended to bring against Colo Lee the now defendant for the land now in dispute and upon asking the said Wright whether he intended to bring the said suit or not the said Wright told him that he had some thoughts of bringing such suit but he believed he had done with it for that he believed the three triangular trees which are mentioned in his deed (meaning the deed from his Brother John to him which this deponant had before seen) would be a Barr to him and this deponant being examined in behalf of the Plff farther saith that some time, before the discourse above mentioned happened the said Richard Wright had told him that by his deed he should have three hundred acres of land of but he did not hold near so much and farther told him that he ought to go to Mottrams Back line and his reason for saying so was this that he at the time his deed was made as this deponant understood Mottrams line was where his bounds had been laid off to him but that since then Colo. Lee had by a law suit recovered land farther Back which was now accounted Mottrams Back line and therefore he thought his land should extend to the said line and farther saith not "James Bailey" The above deposition was sworn to before me "Edward Randell - Augt 9th 1744 -

Copy Teste

B: Claiborne p Ben: Walker CG.C

Westmd Sct

At a Court Continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This deposition of James Bailey in an Ejectment in the General Court between Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane Plffs and Henry Lee Gent defendant was presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same is admitted to record.

Teste Geo: Lee CWC.

Virginia Sct

At a General Court held at the Capitol April 27th 1745

Thomas McFarlane	Plff)
against)
Henry Lee Gent	Deft)

In ejuectment for two messuages two tenements and three hundred Acres of land with the appurtenances in the parish of Cople in the County of westmoreland of the demise of John Bushrod Guardian of Francis Wright.

This day Came the parties by their attornies and thereupon Came also a Jury to wit Benjamin Hubbard &c who being elected tried and sworn the truth to speak

upon the Issue Joined upon their oath do say that the red line laid down in the Surveyors platt from C to D is the dividing line between the said Francis Wright and the said Henry Lee and that therefore the defendant to act quietly of the trespass and ejectment in the declaration supposed as in pleading he hath alledged therefore it is Considered by the Court that the plaintiff take nothing by his bill but for his false clamour be in mercy &c. and the defendant go thereof hence without day and recover against the Lessor of the plaintiff his costs by him about his defence in this behalf expended

The Costs	Verb.
Ent: atto 10. order 10. file plea 20. Com to examine witnesses 25)	
two Spas for wit: 20 Each 5 orders for attendance 10 each copies 10) lb	
each Copy depositions and report 265. file pap: 15. Enl: Judgt. 10) Tobacco	
copy 10 taxing Costs. Copy 20 Exon 20)	555
Surveyors fees	1000
Sheriffs fees	150
	lb 1750
10 pCent deducted	170
	1535
Allowed the witnesses £1.11.11 &	3750
lb Sett Tobacco	5285
Lawyears fee 50/ or 500 lbs Tobacco	

Westmd. Scrt

At a Court continued and held for the said County the 26th day of June 1745. This Judgement upon an Ejectment in the General Court determined in favour of Henry Lee Gent. at the suit of Francis Wright an Infant son of Richard Wright deceased by John Bushrod his Guardian and Thomas McFarlane together with the bill of Costs thereon were presented into this Court by the said Lee at whose motion the same are admitted to record.

Teste Geo: Lee CWC."

The plat included with that report and verdict and showing the dividing line C-D appears on the following page:

This suit is clearly referencing the land of 1713 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County, part of which had been gifted by 1729/30 John Wright to his brother 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and then passed by 1741 Richard Wright's will to Francis Wright. These depositions indicate that

- 1) that 1713 Francis Wright, known as Major Wright, was the father of 1729/30 John Wright and 1741 Richard Wright and therefore were brothers,
- 2) that 1713 Francis Wright and 1729/30 John Wright and 1741 Richard Wright had all once lived on the land being surveyed,
- 3) that the widow of 1729/30 John Wright and mother of 1741 Richard Wright had married John Howell before about 1729,
- 4) that 1741 Richard Wright's sister had married Gerard Davis before about 1729,
- 5) that 1741 Richard Wright was still a boy in about 1729 and therefore was probably born after about 1708, and
- 6) that 1776 Francis Wright was a minor child of 1741 Richard Wright on June 26, 1745, and therefore was born after June 26, 1724.

The will of Thomas Moore was dated on February 4, 1749/50, and probated on April 24, 1750, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B.S/83, listed Francis Wright as a witness. This record indicates that Francis Wright was of legal age to witness a document by February 4, 1749/50, and therefore, was probably born before February 4, 1735/36.

On November 13, 1753, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 12/48, Francis Wright purchased from Thomas McFarlane and his wife Elizabeth McFarlane and Gerrard Davis the 123 acres of land acquired by Thomas McFarlane by Westmoreland County D.&W.B. 10/333:

"This Indenture made the thirteen day of November in the twenty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign, Lord George the Second, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c., and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fifty three: Between Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland of one part and Francis Wright of Parish and County aforesaid of other part; Witnesseth that Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife in consideration of sum of five shillings and other considerations to them made and paid by Francis Wright, the receipt whereof Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife doth acknowledge,

have and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto Francis Wright and his heirs all that parcel of land containing one hundred twenty three acres be the same more or less lying in Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland and lately in possession of Henry Wiginton, deceased, binding on the land of Mr. Robert Carter and on the land of John Fleming and on the land of Peter Smith and on the land where Thomas McFarlane now lives, and on the land of said McFarlane formerly belonging to Samuel Heath, deceased, with all its rights members and appurtenances; To have and to hold the one hundred twenty three acres of land more or less and all other the premises with appurtenances unto Francis Wright his heirs and Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs against the claim of all persons will warrant and forever defend by these presents; and Francis Wright his heirs by force and virtue of these presents at all times hereafter shall lawfully possess the land and premises before granted without the denial of Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife or any other person freely and clearly acquitted from all manner of incumbrances; In Witness whereof the first mentioned parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presents of Daniel Tebbs W. Middleton Saml. Rust William Rust	Gerrard Davis Thos: McFarlane Elizabeth McFarlane
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Memorandum; that on the 13th dy of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty three, Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife made livery and seizen of the lands and appurtenances by delivering Turff and Twigg and the Ring of the Door of the Mansion House on the lands unto Francis Wright in the name of the whole lands and appurtenances within granted according to the tenor form and effect of the Deed, in presence of us

W. Middleton,
Saml. Rust,
Wm. Rust

Received of Francis Wright the sum of five shillings current money and other considerations in full payment for the consideration within mentioned; Witness our hands this the tenth day of November Anno Dom: 1753

Test Danl. Tebbs W. Middleton, Sam. Rust William Rust	Gerrard Davis Thos: McFarlane Elizabeth McFarlane
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Westmorland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of November Anno Dom: 1753 This Deed of Feoffment of land passed from Gerrard Davis, Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife to Francis Wright was in open Court acknowledged by the said Davis to be their proper act and deed and on the motion of the said Wright is admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 5th day of December Anno Dom 1753

per G.L., C.C.W.

Know All Men by these presents that I Thomas McFarlane of County of Westmorland and Parish of Cople am held and firmly bound unto Francis Wright of the same place in the full and just sum of three hundred pounds current money of Virginia to be paid to said Wright or his certain Attorney his heirs to which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs firmly by these presents; Sealed with my seal and dated this thirteenth day of November Annoq. Domini 1753

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas McFarlane his heirs in all things well and truly observe perform and keep all covenants and conditions which on his or their parts ought to be observed and kept comprized in one indenture of bargain and sale beetween Gerrard Davis and the said Thomas McFarlane and Elizabeth his Wife of the one part and Francis Wright of the other part bearing even date with these presents according to the tenor form and effect of the same, that then the above Obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to stand and remain in full force power and virtue

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Danl: Tebbs, W. Middleton Saml. Rust William Rust	Thos: McFarlane
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Westmoreland Sct. At a Court held for the said County the 27th day of November Anno Dom. 1753 Thomas McFarlane came into Court and personally acknowledged this his bond for the performance of covenants by him passed to Francis Wright to be his proper act and deed and on the mocon of the said Wright was admitted to Record

Test
George Lee, C.C.W.

Recorded the 6th day of December Anno Dom: 1753

per G. L., C.C.W."

This record indicates that Francis Wright was of legal age to purchase land on November 13, 1753, and therefore, was born before November 13, 1732.

On January 29, 1761, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.B. 13/316, Francis Wright purchased from John Rust 200 acres of land:

"This Indenture made this 29th day of January in the year of Our lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one, Between John Rust Planter of Cople Parish and Westmoreland County of the One part and Francis Wright of the Same Parish & County of the Other part Witnesseth - that the Said John Rust for and in Consideration of the Sum of two hundred and twenty Pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand at and before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents by the Said Francis Wright well and truly paid the receipt whereof he the Said John Rust doth hereby acknowledge himself therewith fully Satisfied and Paid and thereof and every Part and Parcell thereof doth clearly acquit Exonerate and discharge the Said Francis Wright his heirs Executors and Administrators forever by these Presents hath given, granted aliened bargained Sold Enfeoffd and Confirmd and by these presents doth fully Clearly and absolutely give grant bargain Sell Alien Enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Francis Wright his heirs & assigns forever all that Parcell or tract of Land Which fell to me by diviship and the will of my Grandfather John Rust Containing two hundred acres be the Same more or less Situate lying and being in the Parish & County aforesaid and is bounded as followeth, Viz. Beginning at the head of Peter Lamkins mill Pond which divides Northumbreland and Westmoreland and adjoining the Land of Robert Headley decd and to the Land of George Harrison and to the Land of Parish Garner down to a branch which makes into the Tanyard Swamp and down the Said Swamp to Peter Lampkins Mill Pond and So Continues along the Said Pond to the beginning with all and Singular its rights members Jurisdctions and appurenances together with all Houses Edifices buildings Orchards Gardens Lands Tenements, Feedings Pastures, Wood underwoods Ways Profits Commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the land messuage or Tenement & Premises or to any Part or Parcell + + + belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion Reversions, Remainder and Remainders + + all & Singular the before mentioned Premises and Rent and Rents referd upon any grant and grants demise and demises made of the premises or of any Part or Parcell of them, and also all the Estate Right title Intrest use Possesion Property Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said John Rust in and to the Same and all deeds Writings and evidences whatsoever touching or concerning the Premises or any Part or Parcell of them, - To have and to hold, the Said Messuage or Tenement of two hundred acres of Land, be the same more or less, and all and Singular Other the Premises hereby granted bargained & sold or mentioned to be herein or hereby granted bargained and Sold with their and every of there Rights Member and

Appurtenances whatsoever unto the Said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns to the Only Proper use and behoof of the Said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the Said John Rust for himself his heirs &c the Said Messuage or tenement and all and Singular other the Premises before granted bargained and Sold wth the Appurtenances unto the Said Francis Wright and his heirs to the Only Proper use and behoof of the Said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever against him the Said John Rust his heirs and assigns and all and every Other Person or Persons, whatsoever Lawfully Claiming by from or under him them or any of them and against the Claim or claims of any Other Person or Persons whatsoever Shall and will Warrant and forever defend by these Presents and the Said John Rust for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators do Covenant Promise grant and agree to and with the Said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them by these Presents in manner and form following (that is to Say) that he the said John Rust at the time of the Ensealing and delivery of these Presents is and untill good pure perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance of all and Singular the before granted Premises + + every part thereof Shall be fully Vested Settled and executed in and upon the + + Francis Wright and his heirs according to the true meaning of these + + Shall remain, Continue and be Seized of and in the Said Messuage and all and Singular Other the premises by these Presents granted bargained and Sold with all and every their Rights Members Appurtenances of a good pure Perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple without any Condition, Reversion, Remainder or Levitation (carried Over) of any uses or Estates in or to any person whatsoever to alter change defeat determine or make Void the Same and that the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them Shall or may by force and Virtue of these Presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter Lawfully Peaceably and Quietly have hold Occupy Possess and enjoy the Said Messuage or Tenements and all and Singular the before granted Premises with every of their Appurtenances without any Lawfull lett Suit Trouble, denial interruption or disturbance of him the said John Rust his heirs or assigns or any Other Person or Persons Whatsoever and that freely and Clearly acquitted exonerated and discharged or Otherwise from time to time Well and Sufficiently Savd and Kept harmless by the Said John Rust his heirs Executors administrators of and from all and all manner of former and other gifts grants bargains Sales Leases dower title of dower and from all and Singular Other titles troubles charges demand and incumbrances Whatsoever - In Witness whereof the Parties to thesse Presents have interchangeably Set their hands and Seals the day and year first Within Written

Signed Sealed and deli-) John Rust
 vered In the Presence of)
 John Baley
 Daniel Bailey
 George + + + +
 + + + Cox

Received + + Francis Wright the Sum of + + + + + Pounds Current Money of

Virginia in full payment for the Consideration Within Mentioned Witness my hand
this Twenty ninth day of January Anno Domine 1761

John Baley
Daniel Baley
George Bannister
William Cox

John Rust

Memorandum That On the twenty ninth day of January in the Year of Our Lord
One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One, the within named John Rust and
Sarah his wife made livery and Seizen of the Land and appurtenances within
mentioned by Delivering Turff and twig and the Ring of the Door of the Cheif
Mansion House On the Lands within mentioned unto the within named Francis
Wright in the Name of the whole land and appurtenances Within granted
bargained and Sold according to the tenor form and Effect of the within Deed

In presence of us

John Baley
Daniel Baley
George Bannister
William Cox

Westmoreland Sct

At a Court held for the Said County this 31st day of March 1761

John Rust came into Court and Personally acknowledged (together with the
livery of seizen and recept thereon endorsed) this Deed Indented by him passed
to Francis Wright to be his proper act and Deed. And Ordered to be recorded.

Test
George Lee C C W

Recorded the 7th day of Aprill Anno 1761

Per G L C C W"

On August 30, 1762, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.B. 4/149, Francis
Wright purchased from John Fleming 48 acres of land:

"This Indenture made the 30th day of August in the second year of the reign of
Our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c, and in the year of Our Lord
One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two Between John Fleming of Cople
parish and Westmorland County of the One part and Francis Wright of the same
parish and County of the Other part, Witnesseth that the said John Flemming for
and in Consideration of the sum of One hundred pounds Current money to him
in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents by the said

Francis Wright the receipt whereof he the said Flemming doth hereby acknowledge himself therewith fully satisfied and paid and thereof and every part and parcel thereof doth clearly acquit exonerate and discharge the said Francis Wright his heirs executors and administrators forever by these presents hath given granted aliened bargained sold enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth fully clearly and absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever all that peice parcel or tract of land Containing forty eight acres be the same more or less (a grave yard thirty foot square excepted) being the land whereon the said Flemming now liveth and being the land which John Flemming bought of Alexr Flemming and is the same land which Peter Smith the elder devised to Mary Flemming mother of Alexander and John Flemming and after her death descended to the said Alexander Flemming with all and singular its rights members Jurisdctions and appurtenances together with all houses edifices buildings, buildings, Orchards, lands tenements woods and underwoods ways profits Commodities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Messuage or tenement and premisses or to any part or parcel of them belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions, remainder and remainders of all and Singular the before mentioned premisses, and all rent and rents reserved upon any grant or grants demise and demises made of the premisses of any part or parcel of them and allso all that right title interest use possession property claim and demand whatsoever of him the said John Flemming in or to the same and all deeds writing evidences whatsoever touching or concerning the premisses, or any part or parcell thereof To Have and to Hold the said Messuage or tenement of forty eight acres of land, be the same more or less, and all and singular Other the premises hereby granted bargained and sold or mentioned to be herein or hereby granted bargained and sold with their and every of their rights members, appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Thomas Wright his heirs and assigns to the Only proper use and behoof of the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said John Flemming for himself his heirs and the said Messuage or tenement and all and singular Other the premisses before granted bargained and Sold with the appurtenances unto the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and for the proper use and behoof of the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns forever against him the said John Flemming his heirs and assigns and all and every Other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by from or under him them or any of them, and against the claim, or claims of any Other person or persons whatsoever shall and Will Warrant and forever defend by these presents and the said John Flemming for himself his heirs executors and administrators, Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them by these presents, in manner and form following that is to say that he the said John Flemming at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents is untill a good and pure perfect absolute estate of inheritance of all and singular the before granted premisses and every part thereof shall be fully vested, settled and executed in and upon the said Francis Wright and his heirs according to the time mentioning of these presents, shall remain continue and be seized of and in the said Messuage and Singular Other the premisses by these presents granted

bargained and sold, with all and every their rights members and appurtenances of a good pure perfect and absolute estate of Inheritance in fee Simple without any Condition, reversion, remainder Lamentation of any uses estate in or to any persons whatsoever to alter change defeat determine or make void the same and the said Francis Wright his heirs and assigns and every of them shall and may by force and Virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter lawfully peaceably and quietly have hold Occupy possess and enjoy the said Messuage or tenement and all and singular the before mentioned premises with every of their appurtenances without any lawfull let suit trouble denial, interruption or disturbance of him the said John Flemming his heirs or assigns or any Other person or persons whatsoever and that freely and clearly, acquitted exonerated discharged or Otherwise from time to time sufficiently saved and Kept harmless by the said John Flemming his heirs executors or administrators of and from all manner of former and Other gifts grants, bargains, Sales leases Jointures dowers fee tale of dowers, entails rents arrearages of rents, and of and from all singular Other titles troubles Charges demands & encumbrances whatsoever

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed and deli-)	his
vered, In presence of)	John I Flemming
William Tayler	mark
Peter Flemming	
John Flemming	
William Cox	

Received of Francis Wright One hundred pounds current Money of Virginia in full payment for the Consideration within mentioned. Witness my hand this 30th day of August 1762

Teste,	his
William Tayler	John I Flemming
Peter Flemming	mark
John Flemming	
William Cox	

Memorandum that on the thirtieth day of August in the year of Our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two the within named John Flemming made livery and seizen of the lands and appurtenances within mentioned by delivering Turff and twigg and the ring of the door of the Cheif mansion house on the lands within mentioned unto the within named Francis Wright in the name of the whole lands and appurtenances within granted bargained and sold according to the tenor form and effect of the within Deed

Teste,

William Tayler
Peter Flemming
John Flemming
William Cox

At a Court held for Westmorland County the 28t day of September 1762.

This Indenture of Feoffment together with the Memorandum of livery of Seisen and receipt thereon endorsed were acknowledged by John Flemming party thereto and Ordered to be recorded -

Teste,
James Davenport Cl cur"

The will of Presley Cox was dated on February 18, 1766, probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia being at this time in health both of body and mind but Considering the uncertainty of this life and the impossibility of Knowing how soon the great disposer of all things may please to demand the soul he gave me do think it prudent now to make my last Will and testament which I accordingly do in the following manner and form in the first place I do with great Humility resign my soul to the almighty with stedfast hope that by the meditation of my blessed saviour it may Obtain everlasting happiness and my body I would have decently buried by the Direction of my Executors hereafter mentioned Item I give and bequeath to my son Fleet Cox my great bible and large looking glass which hangs in the Hall and my negro man Dick to him and his heirs forever, Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Richard Wright and Presley Wright and my grand Daughter Nancy Wright ten pounds current money of Virginia each to be paid out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage Item I give to my grandsons Fleet Cox and Presley Cox and my grand daughter Molley Cox ten pounds current money each to be paid Out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage, Item I give to my son William Cox One negro man named Phil One negro man named Tom One negro man named Isac One negro woman named Jenney One negro Woman named Nan and her three Children Vizt Will, Sett, and nan with all their futer increase to him and his heirs forever, Item after my Just debts and the legacies all ready given and bequeathed are fully satisfied and paid then I give the remainder of my estate both real and personal of what nature or Kind whatsoever both within doors and without to my son William Cox and his heirs forever lastly I Constitute and appoint my son Fleet Cox and my son William Cox and Francis Wright to be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and disanuling all Will or Wills by me heretofore made and allowing this only to be my last Will and Testament,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Presly Cox

Witness

George Lamkin)
Peter Lamkin)
John Baley)
her)
Winifred WB Baley)
mark)

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 30th day of September 1766, This Will was proved according to law by the oaths of George Lamkin, and John Baley Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded & on the motion of William Cox the Executor named in the said Will who made Oath according to law and together with Fleet Cox his security entered into and acknowledged bond with Condition as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form~

Teste, ”

The appointment in this will of Francis Wright as an executor and the listing of three grandchildren named Wright identifies the children of Francis Wright as follows:

- 1) Richard Wright,
- 2) Presley Wright, and
- 3) Nancy Wright.

This record also indicates that Presley Cox's daughter who had married Francis Wright had died before February 18, 1766.

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Francis Wright and Elizabeth Middleton well before May 29, 1782, and listed the second marriage of Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright to George Lewis:

“Wright, Francis & Middleton, Elizabeth; well bef. 29 May 1782; bride was a dau. of Benedict & Hannah (Lane) Middleton (d. WC 1785); she mar. (2) Geo. Lewis; (WC DW 16:355; Tidwell:40)”

The will of Francis Wright was dated on December 6, 1775, probated on March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I Francis Wright of Westmoreland County do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I leave my Land I Purchased of Mr. John Rust to be sold to pay my Just debts at Publick oction or Privet Sale as my Executors hereafter named shall think proper and whatever the Land Sells for then will Pay my debts the money to be Eaquely divided between my three sons Benedick Wright Johnson Wiginton Wright & Wright Wright Secondly I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth the use of my house wherein I now live and the third part of the Land Joining the house during her life I allso leave her the third part of all my Personal Estate for and during her Natrial life and after her death to be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. Thirdly my will and desire is that all the rest of my Estate not before given shall be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. I do appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Capt. Bendk. Middleton Junr. & Fleet Cox Executors of this my last will & Testament. As Witness my hand this 6th day of December 1775.

Fleet Cox Jun.
Elijah Mood
Elizabeth Middleton

Francis Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of March 1793. On the Motion of Francis Wright it is ordered that this Will be recorded the Heirs at Law consenting thereto.

Examd.

Teste
J Bland CWC"

This record indicates that Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright were married before December 6, 1775, and identifies the family of Francis Wright as follows:

Wife: Elizabeth Wright

Children: 1) Benedick Wright,
 2) Johnson Wiginton Wright, and
 3) Wright Wright.

However, as will be set forth below, the third son of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright was William Wright and the scrivener of the will or the clerk of the court who copied the will apparently miswrote the given name as Wright rather than William. As more fully set forth below, the three children mentioned in this will, Benedict, Johnson, and William, were children of Francis Wright's second marriage to Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright.

On November 22, 1776, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 19/272, Elizabeth Wright and Fleet Cox, as executors of the will of Francis Wright, sold to

Richard Cox 200 acres of land directed to be sold under the will of Francis Wright:

"This Indenture made the 22nd. day of November in the year of our Lord 1776 Between Elizabeth Wright & Fleet Cox of Cople parish and Westmoreland County Exx, & Exor to the Last will & Testament of Francis Wright deceased of the one part & Richard Cox of the same parish & County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Wright did amongst other things in his Will to be sold the Land he purchased of John Rust which was Two hundred Acres be the same more or Less that the aid Elizabeth Wright & Fleet Cox for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred acres be the same more or Less that the said Elizabeth Wright & Fleet Cox for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred pounds Current money to them in hand paid at and before the sealing & Delivery of these presents by the said Richd Cox the receipt whereof the said Eliza. Wright & Fleet Cox doth hereby acknowledge themselves therewith fully satisfied and paid & thereof & of every part and parcel thereof doth Clearly Acquit Exonerate and discharge the said Richd Cox his heirs Exors. Admors. by these presents hath given granted bargained sold & Confirmed & by these presents doth fully clearly & absolutely give grant bargain sell & Confirm unto the said Richard Cox his heirs Exors. Admors & assigns forever, Two hundred Acres of Land be the same more or Less which was directed to be sold by the Last will of Francis Wright bearing date the 5th day of December 1775 with all and Singular its rights members Jurisdiction & appurtenances together with all houses Edifices and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuage or Tenement & premisses or to any part or Parcel thereof belonging or in any ways appertaining & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders of all and singular the before mentioned premisses and all rent or rents made of the premisses any part or parcel of of them & also all the estate right title Interest use possession Evidence or claim whatsoever of them the said Eliza. Wright and Fleet Cox in or to the same and all deeds Writings and Evidences whatsoever Touching or Concerning the premisses or any part or parcel thereof To have and to hold the said two hundred acres of Land be the Same more or Less and all and Singular other the premisses hereby granted and sold Or mentioned to be herein or hereby granted and sold with all and singular of their rights members and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Richd Cox his heirs Exors Admors and assigns to the only proper use & behoof of him the said Richard Cox his heirs and assigns forever & the said Elizabeth Wright and Fleet Cox for themselves, their heirs &c the said messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances thereunto belonging shall and Will forever Warrant and defend unto the said Richard Cox his heirs and assigns forever by these presents against the Claim or Claims of them the said Elizabeth Wright & Fleet Cox their heirs or assigns and every Other person or persons Whatsoever & the said Eliza. Wright & Fleet Cox for themselves their heirs &c do Covenant promise grant & agree to & with the said Richard Cox his heirs and assigns And every of them by these presents in manner and form following To Wit that the said Elizabeth Wright and Fleet Cox at the time of sealing & delivery of these presents has an Actual pure good & absolute right of the before granted premisses and every part thereof shall be fully vested and executed in and the said Richard Cox his heirs and Assigns According to the true meaning of these _____ and Sold with all and

every of their Rights members & Appurtenances of a good pure perfect and Absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple without any Condition reversion remainder or Limitation of uses or estates in or to any person whatsoever to Alter change defeat determine or make Void the Same & that the said Richard Cox his heirs & Assigns & every of them shall or may by force and Virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter Lawfully peaceably and Quietly have hold Occupy Possess enjoy the said messuage or Tenement and all and Singular the before granted premisses with every of their Appurtenances without any Lawfull let suit Trouble denial Interruption or disturbance of the said Eliza Wright and Fleet Cox their heirs or assigns or any Other person or persons Whatsoever and that truly and Clearly acquitted exonerated & discharged Or Otherwise from time to time well and sufficiently saved & kept harmless the said Eliza Wright & Fleet Cox their heirs Exors. Admors. & assigns of and from all & Singular there Gifts grants bargaining sales Leases Jointers Dowers, Title of Dowers intails rents and arrearages of rents and all Singular other titles Troubles Charges, demands and Incumbrances whatsoever In Witness whereof the Parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & date above Written

Signed Sealed and Delivered In the presence of	)	Elizabeth Wright
William Middleton,	)	Fleet Cox
Elijah Moore		
Presley Wright		
Fleet Cox Junr		
Smith King		
William King		

Received of Richard Cox Two hundred pounds current money of Virginia in full payment for the Consideration within mentioned Witness our hands this 22nd day of November Anno Domini 1776

Teste	Elizabeth Wright
Wm Middleton	Fleet Cox
Elijah Moore	
Presley Wright	
Fleet Cox Junr	
Smith King	
Wm King	

Memorandum

That on the 22nd day of Novr. in the year of our Lord good 1776 The within named Eliza. Wright and Fleet Cox made Livery & Seizen of the Lands & appurtenances within mentioned by delivering Turf and Twigg & the ring of the door of the Chief mansion house on the Lands within mentioned unto the within named Richd. Cox in the name of the whole Land & Appurtenances within

granted bargained and sold according to the tenor form & effect of the within Deed

Teste
Wm Middleton
Elijah Moore
Presley Wright
Fleet Cox Junr
Smith King
Wm King

Eliza. Wright
Fleet Cox

At a Court held for Westmoreland County Jany 29th 1777 This Indenture together with the rect. & memorandum of Livery & Sezen endorsed were acknd. by the parties thereto & ordered to be recorded

Teste
Presley Thornton Cl. Court

At a Court held for Westmd County the 25th day of Setr 1792 This Indenture &c. being presented to the Court by Fleet Cox it is ordered that the same be recorded. the record being Stolen wherein deed was formerly recorded

Teste
J Bland CWC"

On May 27, 1777, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 6/58, a division of the estate of Francis Wright and allotment of the dower interest of Elizabeth Wright was made at the request of Presley Wright:

"Westmoreland County to wit

At the Request of Mr Presley Wright I went in company with Captain Joseph Lane William Middleton and Mr Daniel Bennett Gentm. apointed by the Court of said County Alott to Mrs. Elizabeth Wright her Dower in the land of her late husband Francis Wright decd Begin at the letter A in the angle of three red oakes and one Hickory Corner with Mrs. McFarling and with her line N 53-3/4 W 162 poles to B a Stake near a large old Chestnutt in the line of the Honble. Robert Carter Esqr. and with his line S 37½ W 212 poles to C a Locust post corner with Said Carter Thence S 47½ E 93 poles to D. a red oak Corner with Peter Smiths land and with the same N 42½ E 86 poles to E. two hickorys from one stump thece S 48. E 41½ pole to F. Corner near a red oak in Smiths line Thence to the Begining which Includes 181 acres of Land then we begun at the letter A and run S 85 W 62 poles to H. a Stake in the Wheat Patch thence N 81 W to J. in the Honble Robert Carters line within the lines and letter A., B., J., H. is sixty and one third acre of land laid out for Mrs. Wright by directions aforesaid Peter McLaniham and Thomas Buttler Chain Carriers being first sworn for that purpose Surveyed and Compleated the 14 day of March 1777 G. is Mrs. Wrights

Dwelling house

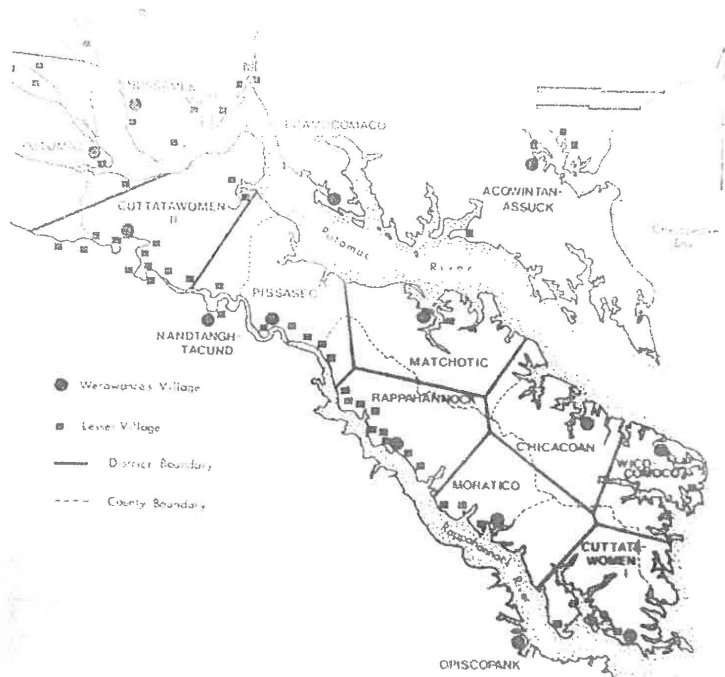
___ Griffin Garland SRC"

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 29th day of May 1777

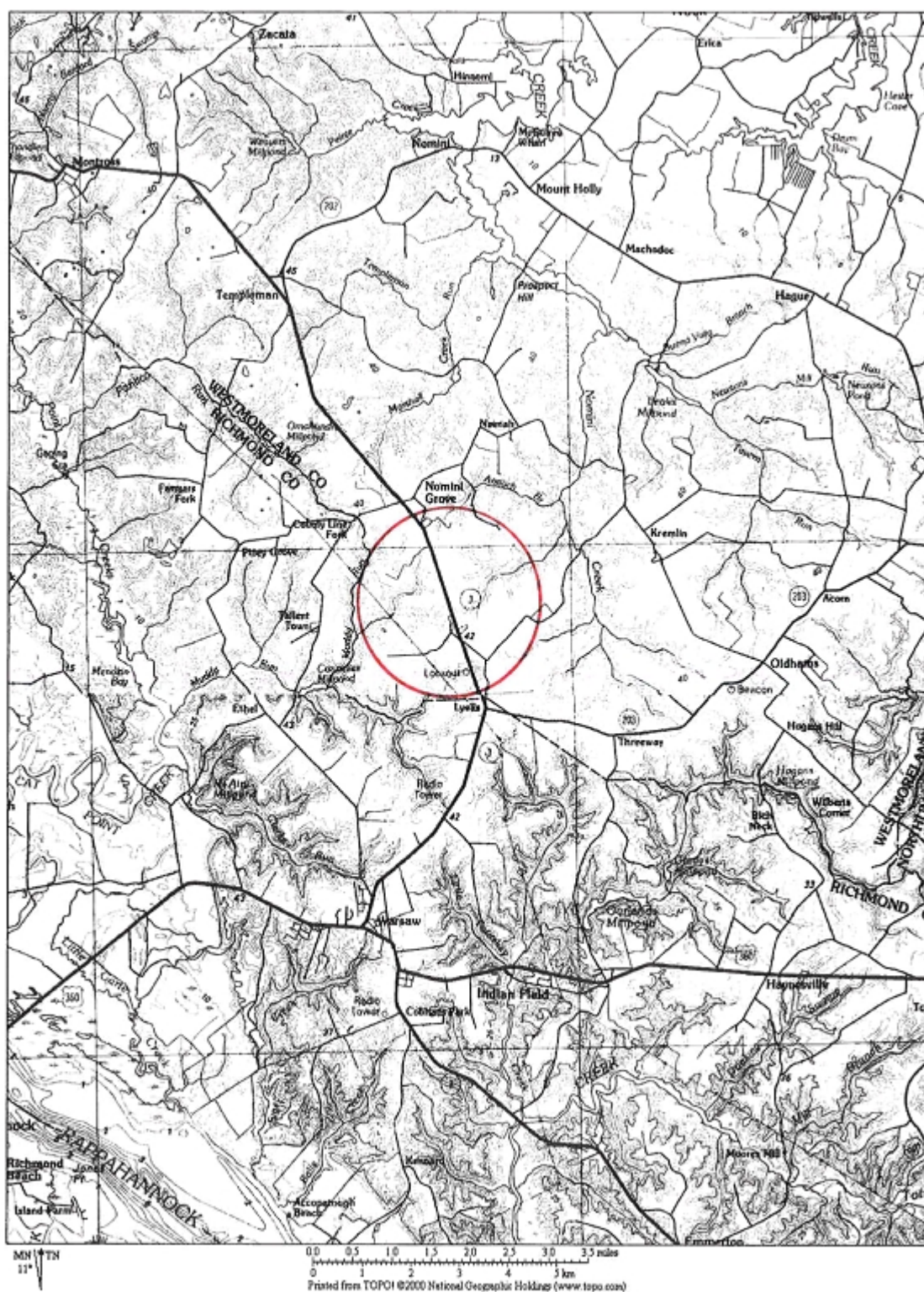
This allotment of dower of the Estate of Francis Wright decd being ret'd. in
ordered to be Recorded

Teste
R Bernard CWC"

The map included with that division indicated that the property of Francis Wright was located on both sides of the road to Nominy with a creek entering in the northeast corner. The maps on the following pages indicate the probable location of the land which fits that description:



Algonquian chiefdoms of the Virginia Northern Neck, ca. 1608. *Potter 1982: 31; Barbour 1969.*



On June 30, 1778, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 6/99, an accounting for the estate of Francis Wright was filed:

"1776 The Estate of Francis Wright decd			Dr		
	To cash paid Sundry persons	To Fleet Cox	No 1	£3	6 0
		as per Accot			
	To John Pratt	as pr do	2	1	10 0
Novm 23	To Hugh Hamilton and Compy	pr do	3	144	6 4
Decr 20	To William Taylor	pr do	4	0	7 6
1777					
April 5	To William Morton	do	5	2	7 0
May 16	To Doctor Walter Jones	do	6	10	18 0
June 12	To Capt. Bendt Middleton	do	7	2	1 3
Novr. 19	To William M. Clanaham	d0	8	3	19 7½
1778					
Jany 5	To William Anderson	do	9	2	6 0
	To Doctor George Steptoe	do	10	19	7 6
	To John Pratt	pr. do	11	7	18 0
	To Cash paid Anne Wright a Legacy left her by Archibald Walker			6	6 6
				204	13 8½
1776 Contra			Cr		
Nov. 22	By Richard Cox for 200 Acres of land			£200	0 0
1778					
May 7	By Ballce due Fleet Cox			4	13 8½
				204	13 8½

EE p Fleet Cox Executor

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 30th day of June 1778

This Account of the Administration of the Estate of Francis Wright decd: was Examined by the Court and Allowed Sworn to by Fleet Cox and ordered to be recorded.

Examd

Teste

R Bernard CPM"

On August 16, 1785, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 16/268, Elizabeth Lewis, widow and relict of Francis Wright, and her husband George Lewis sold to Presly Wright 60 acres of land that had been laid off to her from the estate of her former husband:

"This Indenture made the Sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five, and in the tenth year of

Independency Between George Lewis and Elizabeth his wife of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia of the one part, & Presly Wright of the Parish County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, That the said George Lewis, and Elizabeth his Wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds lawful specie of said State to them in hand paid by the said Presly Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife doth hereby acknowledge, and themselves therewith fully satisfied, content and paid, and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof, doth freely and clearly acquit Exhonerate, and discharge the said Presly Wright, his heirs Executors, & administrators forever, By these presents Hath given, Granted bargained Sold aliened Enfeoffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents, doth fully freely absolutely, and clearly, give Grant, Bargain, Sell alien Enfeoff and Confirm, unto the said Presly Wright his heirs & assigns forever, all that peice parcel or Tract of Land containing Sixty Acres be the same more or less, situate lying & being in the Parish County, and State aforesaid. It being the Land the Said Elizabeth Lewis wife of the said George Lewis had laid off to her for her thirds, as then being a widow, or the relict of Francis Wright decd. (reference being had to the division of the said Land may more fully make it appear) With all its rights, members Jurisdctions, and appurtenances, together with Houses, Edifices Buildings Orchards woods underwoods, profits Commodities Hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuage or Tenement & premises or to any part or parcel of them belonging or in any wise appurtaing and the reversion or reversions, remainder and Remainders of all and Singular the before granted premises, or all and every part & parcel thereof and also all the Estate Right Title Interest, use possession, Property clame & demand whatever of them the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife in or to the same, and all Deeds Writings and evidences touching or concerning the premises, or any part or parcel of them To Have and to Hold the said messuage or Tenement and all and Singular other the premises hereby granted, Bargained & Sold, or mentioned to be herein or Hereby granted bargained and sold with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said Presly Wright his heirs & assigns forever. And they the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their Heirs Exors and administrators the said Messuages or Tenement of Sixty Acres of Land in the same more or less and all and singular other the premises before granted & sold, or intended to be Granted, bargained and Sold with ye appurtenances unto the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use Benefit and behoof of the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns forever, against them the Said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs Executors and administrators, and all and every other person, or persons claiming by from or under them or their heirs, Executors or administrators shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. And the said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife for themselves their heirs Executors & administrators do Covenant Grant and agree, to and with the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns, and every of them by these presents, in manner and form following (that is to say) that they the said George Lewis and

Elizabeth his Wife at the time of ensealing & delivery of these presents is and until a good pure perfect, and absolute Estate of Inheritance, of all and singular the before granted premises, and every part thereof shall be fully vested, settled & executed in and upon the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns, according to the true meaning of these presents invested with an absolute power and Right of Inheritance in Fee Simple to the aforesaid mesuage and premises before recited to dispose of, & confirm the same, and that the said Presly Wright his heirs, and assigns &c and every of them, shall and may by force & virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter Lawfully, peaceably, and quietly, Have Hold, use occupy possess and enjoy the Said Messuage or Tenement, and all & Singular the before mentioned premises, with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances & have receive & take the Rents, issues and profits thereof, without any trouble denial, interruption, or disturbance of them the said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs Executors admors &c &c and that free & clear & freely & clearly acquitted, exonerated & discharged, or otherwise from time to time well & sufficiently kept harmless by them the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife their heirs &c of and from all other manner, former Gifts & Grants, Bargains & Sales, Leases Dowers & title of Dower, and from all and singular titles claims & demands of the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife, their heirs Exors admors &c In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & date above written

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of	)	George Lewis
	)	Elizabeth Lewis
Jos Lane		
Saml Rust		
Robert Sanford		
William Middleton		
John Middleton		
Danl Bailey		

August 16th 1785 Then received of the within mentioned Presly Wright Sixty pounds Specie it being the within consideration specified recd pr us

Testes	George Lewis
Jos Lane	Elizabeth Lewis
Saml Rust	
Robt Sanford	
William Middleton	
Danl. Bailey	
John Middleton	

Memorandum That on the 16th day of August Anno Dom 1785 That livery and Seizen of the Lands & premises within mentioned was made by delivering Turf & Twig & the Ring of the Mansion House Door, unto Presly Wright within mentioned, accord to the form & effect of the within Deed - In presence of us

Jos Lane
Saml Rust
Robert Sanford
William Middleton
John Middleton
Danl. Bailey

The Commonwealth of Virginia To Richard Lee, Joseph Lane & Samuel Rust, Gentlemen Greeting Whereas George Lewis & Elizabeth his wife by their certain Indenture of Feoffment bearing date the 16th day of August 1785 have sold and conveyd unto Presly Wright of the Parish of Cople & County of Westmoreland the Fee Simple Estate of Sixty Acres of Land (more or less) with the appurtenances lying and being in the Parish & County aforesaid, and whereas the said Elizabeth cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County to make acknowledgment of the said conveyance Therefore we do give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Elizabeth shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid contained in the Said Indenture (which is hereunto annexed) And we do therefore command you that you do personally go to the said Elizabeth and receive her acknowledgment of the Same, & examine her privily and apart from the said George Lewis her Husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily without his persuasions or threats and whither she be willing that the same should be recorded in our said County Court of Westmoreland & when you have received her acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said County Court under your Seals sending then these the said Indenture and this Writ. Witness Richard Parker Clerk of our said Court this 17th day of August 1785 in the tenth year of the Commonwealth

William H Parker DCW

Westmoreland County Sct

By Virtue of a Commission to us directed bearing date the seventeenth day of August 1785 to take the private examination of Elizabeth Lewis wife of George Lewis of the County of Westmoreland aforesaid touching her relinquishment of her right, and also right of Dower to a certain peice of Land, Containing Sixty Acres, more or less lying and being in the parish of Cople & County of Westmoreland, conveyed by George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife to Presly Wright, as by a Deed of Feoffment bearing date the Sixteenth day of August 1785. We have examined the said Elizabeth Lewis privily and apart from the said George Lewis, & She acknowledged all her Right & Title to the said Sixty acres of Land & declared that she did the same of her own free Will & Consent, without the threats, or persua__ons of her said Husband George Lewis and that she is willing that the same should be recorded in Westmoreland County Court

Given under our hands & Seals this 17th day of August Anno Dom 1785

Jos Lane
Saml Rust

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of September 1785

This Deed of Feoffment was proved by the Oaths of Robert Sanford William Middleton & John Middleton together with the receipt thereon endorsed which with the Commission & privy examination of Elizabeth Lewis is admitted to Record

Teste
Richard Parker C.W.C."

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis had married George Lewis as her second husband before August 16, 1785.

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Elizabeth Wright, widow of Francis Wright, and George Lewis before August 16, 1786:

"Lewis, George & Wright, Elizabeth (wid.); bef. 16 Aug 1786; bride was a dau. of Benedict Middleton (d. WC 1785) & the wid. of Francis Wright; (WC DW 16:355; DW 17:217; DW 18:295; RI 7:254)"

On June 22, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 7/254, an accounting for the estate of Francis Wright was filed:

"Wright Francis)
Executors Account) The Estate of Francis Wright deceased

In Account with George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Ex.

				Cr
				Tobacco
To Board and Sundry Charges against	Benedict Wright	106		23.6.0
To Ditto	Johnson W Wright	106		24.1.0
To Ditto	William Wright			<u>23.2.3</u>
				212 10.9.3
				lb Tobo
To Vincent Marmaduke Sheriff for	690	£1.9.7/2		
To Thomas Sanford Sheriff for	258	8.6. 1	£5.13.11	Certificate Tax
To Benjn Branham Sheriff Richd for	<u>51</u>	<u>5.6.10½</u>	<u>1.15. 6</u>	ditto
				1205 15.2. 7 7. 9. 5
By Hire of Negroe Fay from 1783 to 1792 both inclusive			51.10.0	
By Cash of Presly Wright			12. 5.9	
By the proportions of the three Children Benedict Johnson and William of the Stock furniture &c			<u>56.19.3</u>	
				£120.15.0

In obedience to an order of the worshipfull Court of Westmoreland County bearing Date the 25 day of June 1793 we have Examined the account of George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Executrix of Francis Wright Deceased, with the Estate of the said deceased and report that he Exhibited an account according to the above Debits and that those respecting Taxes &c were without vouchers and that it appears that the said Estate should have Credits agreeable to those stated above. Given under our hands the 22d day of June 1793

Samuel Rust
Chriss. Collins
John Yeatman

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22d day of June 1793. This Account of the Settlement of the Executorship on the Estate of Francis Wright Deceased, returned pursuant to a former order of this court and ordered to be Recorded

Examd

Teste
J Bland CWC"

This record identifies Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis as the widow of Francis Wright and the board and sundry payments for Benedict, Johnson, and William Wright identify them as children of Francis Wright.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that a certain Francis Wright departed this life on or about the ___ day of _____ 1776 having first duly made and published his last will and testament which was afterward duly proven and recorded in the County Court of Westmoreland a copy of which is herewith exhibited as a part of this bill marked A - That the said Francis Wright by his said will after sundry specifick devises devised all the rest of his estate to be equally divided among all his children That the said testator was at the time of making his said will and also at the time of his death seized and possessed in fee simple of a tract of land lying in the County of Westmoreland containing _____ acres (which said tract of land was divided to the said Francis Wright by the last will and testament of his father Richard Wright decd a copy of which from the

records of the said County Court of Westmoreland is also exhibited as a part of this bill marked B.) That the said tract of land was not specifically divided by the will of the said Francis Wright decd and was therefore comprehended by the residuary devise aforesaid - Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law

Your complainants further shew that the said Presley Wright soon after the death of his said father entered upon the whole of the said tract of land and received the assets and profits thereof until his death which took place on or about the ____ day of _____ that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years - That administration of the estate of the said Presley Wright decd. was committed by the said County Court of Westmoreland to the said Richard Wright who qualified accordingly -

Your complainants further shew that the said George M Wright by deed bearing date the 2d day of March 1812 conveyed all his right in the said tract of land to the said Richard Wright - That Molly F Wright died on or about the ____ day of _____ 1812 having first duly made and published her last will and testament dated the 8th day of May 1812 whereby she devised all her interest in the said tract of land to the said Richard Wright; that the said Richard Wright by deed bearing date the 4th day of April 1817 conveyed his interest in the said land to George Smith: that the said Presley C Wright by deed bearing date the 14th day of January 1817 conveyed his interest in the said land to George Smith, who by deed bearing date the 25th day of January 1817 conveyed his interest in the said land to Ellen Smith who by deed dated the 29th day of April 1819 conveyed her interest in the said land to Peter P. C. Straughn - Your complainants further shew that they have been informed that the said land was purchased by the said Peter P. C Straughn in trust for the use of a certain Richard Straughn who is now in the possession and enjoyment thereof

Your complainants further shew that since the death of the said Presley Wright, the whole of the said land has been held and the rents and profits thereof received by the children of the said Presley Wright and the purchasers under them aforesaid

Your complainants further shew that they have repeatedly applied to the said Presley Wright in his life time to make a partition of the said tract of land with your complainants, and to account for and pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents and profits thereof, which he always refused to do; and since the death of the said Presley your complainants have applied to the said children and heirs of the sd. Presley and the purchasers under them

aforesaid to make partition of the said land and to account for and pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents and profits thereof, and have also applied to the said Richard Wright and George M Wright admors of Presley Wright decd, to account for and pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents & profits of the said land during the time it was held by the said Presley Wright which they have all respectively refused to do - all which is contrary to equity, and as your complainants are without remedy except in a Court of Chancery - To the end therefore that the said Richard Wright in his own right and as admor of Presley Wright decd. George M Wright Presley C Wright, John M Wright, Sally E Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright may be made defendants to this bill and may (the said infants by their guardians to be appointed by your honour to defend them) true & perfect answer make to the premises, and that it may be decreed that partition be made of the said tract of land among your complainants and the said defendants according to their respective rights and that the said defendants do account for and pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents and profits of the said land for and during the time it has been held or such rents & profits received by the said defendants respectively and that the said Richard Wright admor of Presley Wright decd. do account for and pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents and profits of the said land for and during the time it was held by the said Presley or such rents and profits were received by him - and that your Complainants may have such other and further relief in the premises as may be consistent with equity and the case may require may it please your honour to grant to your complainants the Comths writ of Subpa &c

B Wright)
vs) Bill & Exhibits
Wright)

1820
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July 8th 1820
Berry for Complts"

This record identifies the family of 1776 Francis Wright as follows:

Children:

- 1) Presley Wright, born before 1776,
- 2) Benedict Wright, born before 1776,
- 3) William Wright, born before 1776,
- 4) Nancy Wright, born before 1776, and
- 5) Johnson W. Wright, born before 1776 and died before July 8,

1820,

Grandchildren:

Children of Presley Wright:

- 1) Molly F. Wright, died in 1812 and after May 8, 1812,
- 2) Richard Wright,
- 3) George M. Wright,
- 4) Presley C. Wright,
- 5) John M. Wright,
- 6) Sally E. Wright, born after July 20, 1799, and
- 7) Fanny Wright, born after July 20, 1799, and

Children of John W. Wright:

- 1) Benedict D. Wright, and
- 2) Polly R. Wright.

On September 23, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed Richard Wright as guardian of Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holde in the town of Fredericksburg, on the 23rd day of September, 1820

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs.
against	
Richard, George M., Presly C., John M., Sally E., Eliza & Fanny	
Wright, and Peter P. C. & Richard Straughan,	defendants

On motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the Court doth apppoint Richard Wright guardian of the defendants Eliza & Fanny Wright who are infants, for the purpose of defending them in this suit

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

This record indicates that Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright were born after September 23, 1799.

On April 12, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, William Wright filed his affidavit that Presley C. Wright was not then an inhabitant of Virginia:

"Westmoreland County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the sd. County William Wright and made oath in due form that Presley C Wright a party defendant in the suit of Wright vs Wright depending in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Frdbg district is not an inhabitant of the State of Virginia. Given under my hand this 12th day of Apl. 1821

John W: Hungerford"

On April 20, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, George M. Wright swore that Richard Wright died in March 1821:

"Richmond County to wit: George M Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County & made Oath that Richard Wright died about the month of March 1821

Given under my hand this 20 day of April 1821

Wm. D. MCCarty J.P."

On April 25, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, George M. Wright, John M. Wright, and Salley E. Wright filed their answer to the complaint:

"The answer of George M. Wright, John M Wright & Salley E. Wright separately to a Bill exhibited in in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district by Bennedict Wright & others against Richard Wright & others

These defendants saving & reserving to themselves all & all benefit of exception now & here after to to the many untruths errors uncertainties & imperfections in the said Bill contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as they are advised is material for them to answer these defts answer & say, That Francis Wright was the father of Presley their father & father & grandfather of the Complts as is set forth in the Bill they state that the Will of Frances aforesaid was admitted to record in Westmoreland county on the 26 March 1776 as is shewn by the Complts, some time before the act docking entails was in force - It is correctly stated by the Complts that Presley their father was thereupon by his Guardian & afterwards by himself & since his death by the defts to the Bill or their alienees in quiet & undisturbed possession of the land spoken of - By a copy of the deed hereto annexed & prayed to be taken as part of this answer marked A there seems to have been but 123 acres of land Whether the said Presley had other right than is exhibited by the papers of the Coptls or these defts cannot be ascertained at this time - But much is to be presumed from the following facts -

1st. The said Frances Wright died before the revolution commenced

2ndly. His eldest son Presley was in possession on those claiming under him for 45 years and the complainants or their fathers or mothers were but a little younger & lived in the same neighborhood with the said Presley.

3rdly. That one of the Compltts William Wright was one of the commissioners under an order of the County Court of Westmoreland who acted in dividing the land now claimed & particularly advised George M Wright one of these defts to purchase of Ellen Smith the interest which she had obtained from some of the distributees of said Presley

4thly It is no where not by any person contended or pretended that Presley was equally a favorite with Frances Wright; and that this land must have been derived to Presley from sources probably independent of his father For in the Will of Frances, Presley is not mentioned unless indeed by the residuary clause of said Will

5thly The summons to contest the will of Frances by the heir at law Presley seems not to have been acted upon at all - The pretended renewal of the recordation of the Will of Frances seems to have bourn along with it, some things not easily to be understood, without a reference of it, being had to unfairness or at the least a singular in possibility - that is, the will of Frances upon the motion of Frances (the testator) was admitted to record &c

6thly These defts also state that the Westmoreland County Office has been burnt down together with many of its valuable records, at which time these defts cannot say - They however must distrust the title now set up, & deny that the Compltts have any right or claim thereto - Many years have rolled along & with them has the father Presley Wright of these defts dropped into the grave - whilst he lived, altho in the same neighbourhood no mention of title was then made - But recently 12 or 13 years after his death even after the division of said land claimed, & one of the complainants having acted therein a suit is instituted in this honble court against the defts, and too, after a lapse of many years & after too successive alienations

And these defts have answered pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf most wrongfully expended &c

Richmond County to wit: George M. Wright, John M. Wright & Sally E Wright made Oath to the truth of the matters contained in their answer so far as they depend upon their own knowledge & where they rest upon the information of others they believe to be true

Given under my hand this 25th of April 1821 before a Justice of peace for said County

Wm W Cash
Jno. B. Jeffries”

On July 13, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the plaintiffs filed their petition to revive their complaint against the heirs of Richard Wright following his death:

“To the honourable judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your orators and oratrixes Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust, late Nancy Wright, Benedict D. Wright, and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife late Polly R. Wright, shew to your honour that heretofore to wit on the ___ day of _____ they exhibited their bill of complaint in this honourable Court against Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C Wright, John M Wright, Sally E Wright, Eliza Wright, Fanny Wright Peter P C Straughn and Richard Straughn praying that they might be made defendants to the said bill and might true and perfect answer make thereto and that it might be decreed by this Court that partition be made of the tract of land in the bill mentioned between your complainants & the said defendants according to their respective rights, and that the said defendants might account for & pay to your complainants their respective portions of the rents and profits of the said land for and during the time it had been held by the said defendants respectively and that the sd. Richard Wright admor of Presley Wright decd. might render an account of the rents and profits of the said land during the time it was held by the said Presley Wright decd. and pay to your complts their respective portions thereof and that your complainants might have such other & further relief in the premises as might be consistent with equity and the case might require - And your complainants further shew that the said defendants George M, John M and Sally E Wright afterwards appeared and put in their answers to the sd. bill and sundry proceedings were had against the other defendants from time to time (as by reference to the record of such proceedings will more fully appear) till on or about the ___ day of _____ when the sd Richard Wright died leaving Washington Wright Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright his only children and heirs at law who are infants under the age of 21 years - and thereby the said suit became abated, and your complainants are advised that the said suit and proceedings ought to stand revived against the said Washington Wright Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright & be in the same plight and condition as they were in at the time of the death of the said Richard Wright - To the end therefore that the said suit and proceedings may stand and be revived against the said Washington Presley & Hannah R Wright and be in the same state and condition they were in at the time of the abatement thereof or that they may shew cause to

the contrary, May it please the Court to grant to your Compts. the Comths:
subpa of revivor &c

B. Wright
vs
Wright
Bill of revivor
July 13" 1821
577 words"

This record indicates that Richard Wright, the son of Presley Wright, had died before July 13, 1821, and that his children were the following:

- 1) Washington Wright, born after Jul 13, 1800, and before July 13, 1821,
- 2) Presley Wright, born after Jul 13, 1800, and before July 13, 1821, and
- 3) Hannah R. Wright, born after Jul 13, 1800, and before July 13, 1821.

On September 29, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed George M. Wright as guardian of Washington Wright, Presley Wright, Hannah R. Wright, Eliza Wright, and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

"Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery held in the Town of Fredericksburg on the 29" day of September, 1821

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs
against	
Washington Wright, Presley Wright, & Hannah R. Wright, infant children & heirs at law of Richard Wright, deceased, Eliza Wright & Fanny Wright infants, Peter P. C. Straughan & other	defendants

On the motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the court doth appoint George M. Wright guardian of the infant defendants Washington, Presley, Hannah R., Eliza and Fanny Wright, for the purpose of defending them in this suit.

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C."

This record indicates that Washington Wright, Presley Wright, Hannah R. Wright, Eliza Wright, and Fanny Wright were all born after September 21, 1800.

On April 5, 1822, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Lamkin stated in a deposition that Francis Wright

had died in the first of the year 1776:

"The deposition of Benedict Lamkin of lawful age taken this 5th day of April 1822 before us Robert Murphy, William Nelson & William Middleton Justices of the peace for the County of Westmoreland at Oldhams Crossroads in said County to be read in evidence in a certain suit now depending in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district wherein Benedict Wright, William Wright Nancy Rust, Benedict D. Wright Samuel Boothe & Polly his wife are Plaintiffs and George M. Wright, John M Wright, Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughan and Richard Straughan are Defendants: the same being taken in pursuance of a Commission which issued from the Clerks office of the said Chancery Court: due notice of the time & place of taking the same having been proved

Ques: by Defendts At what time did Frances Wright die, to the best of your knowledge

Ans: He died sometime the first of the year 1776

Ques: by Plaintiffs - Do you know whether the land we have now sued for is the land which Francis Wright decd lived and died upon?

Ans: Frances Wright lived on this land ever since I knew him and he died possessed of it.

And further this deponent saith not

Bendt. Lamkins

Taken & Sworn to before us, this 5th day of April 1822

Wm Nelson
Wm Middleton"

On April 5, 1822, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Daniel Harrison stated in a deposition that the wife of Johnson Wright died in about 1799, Johnson Wright died before 1804, and that Polly (Wright) Boothe was their youngest child and was born in about 1799:

"The deposition of Daniel Harrison of lawful age taken this 5th day of April 1822 before us William Nelson & Wm. Middleton justices of the peace for the County of Westmoreland at Oldhams Cross road in said County, to be read in evidence in a certain Suit now depending in the Superior Court of Chancery for the district of Fredericksburg wherein Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe & Polly his wife are Plaintiffs, and George M. Wright, John M Wright, Salley E Wright, Peter P. C Straughan & Richard Straughan are Defendants. The same being taken in pursuance of a commission for that purpose which issued from the Clerks office of the said

Chancery Court: due notice of the time & place of taking the same having been proved -

Ques: by the Defendts How old do you think Bennedict D Wright is and Polly Boothe the children of Johnson Wright decd. according to the best of your knowledge

Ansr: - I think Polly Boothe the youngest of the two is about 23 years of age

Ques. by same - do you know at what time Mrs. Wright the mother of these children (the wife of Johnson Wright) died

Ansr: I don't exactly remember but I know Mr. Johnson Wright has been dead upwards of 18 years, and Mrs. Wright his wife died nearly four years before her husband

And further this deponent saith not

Danl Harrison

Sworn to before us this 5th day of April 1822

Wm Nelson
Wm Middleton"

On April 5, 1822, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, William Middleton stated in a deposition that Presley Wright had died before 1810:

"The Deposition of William Middleton of lawful age taken the 5th day of April 1822 before us Robert Murphy & William Nelson justices of the peace for the County of Westmoreland at Oldhams Crossroads in said County, to be read in evidence in a certain Suit now depending & undermined in the Superior Court of Chancery for the district of Fredericksburg wherein Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust Benedict D Wright, Samuel Boothe & Polly W his wife are Plaintiffs and George M Wright, John M Wright, Sally E Wright, Peter P. C. Straughan and Richard Straughan are Defendants: The same being taken in pursuance of a Commission for that purpose which issued from the Clerks office of the said Chancery Court; due notice of the time & place of taking the name having been first proved.

Question by the Defendant, What time did Presly Wright die according to the best of your knowledge?

Answer. I believe he died previous to the year 1810 but at what particular time I do not know

Ques by same: Had not Presley Wright possession of the land in dispute during his life & at the time of his death?

Answer: Presly Wright had it in possession ever since I first knew him, and that possession continued until his death

Ques: by Same: Upon Presly Wrights death did not the possession of this land descend to his Children: & have not they or those claiming under them ever since held it as their own?

Ans: Yes:

Ques: by Same: Was not William Wright one of the acting Commissioners who divided the land among the children of Presly Wright

Ans: Mr. Wm. Wright did attend as one of the Commissioners in effecting the said division, for he attended the survey and also to the drawing of the lots assigned to the different distributees but he did not sign the report

Ques: by Defendts Did You ever hear William Wright persuade one of the heirs of Presly Wright to purchase part of this land from Ellen Smith

Ans: I heard Wm. Wright tell Geo: M Wright one of said heirs that he had better purchase this land from Ellen Smith for he Wm Wright had rather George M Wright should own it than any other person

Ques: by Plaintiffs. Do you recollect a conversation between us about that time while we were engaged in the division of Presley Wrights land; and do you not remember that I intimated my intention of asserting my right to the land called Davis's

Ans: I do

And further this deponent saith not

Wm Middleton

Taken and sworn to before us this 5th day of April 1822

Robert Murphy
Wm Nelson"

On August 14, 1823, and April 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Richard Straughan and Peter P. C. Straughan filed their answers to the complaint.

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia,

Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright
Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife Plts
vs
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright,
Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R
Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by
George M Wright assigned their guardian Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eighths of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated”

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the

decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright:

"Virginia: At a court of Appeals held at the capitol in the city of Richmond on Thursday November 2nd 1826

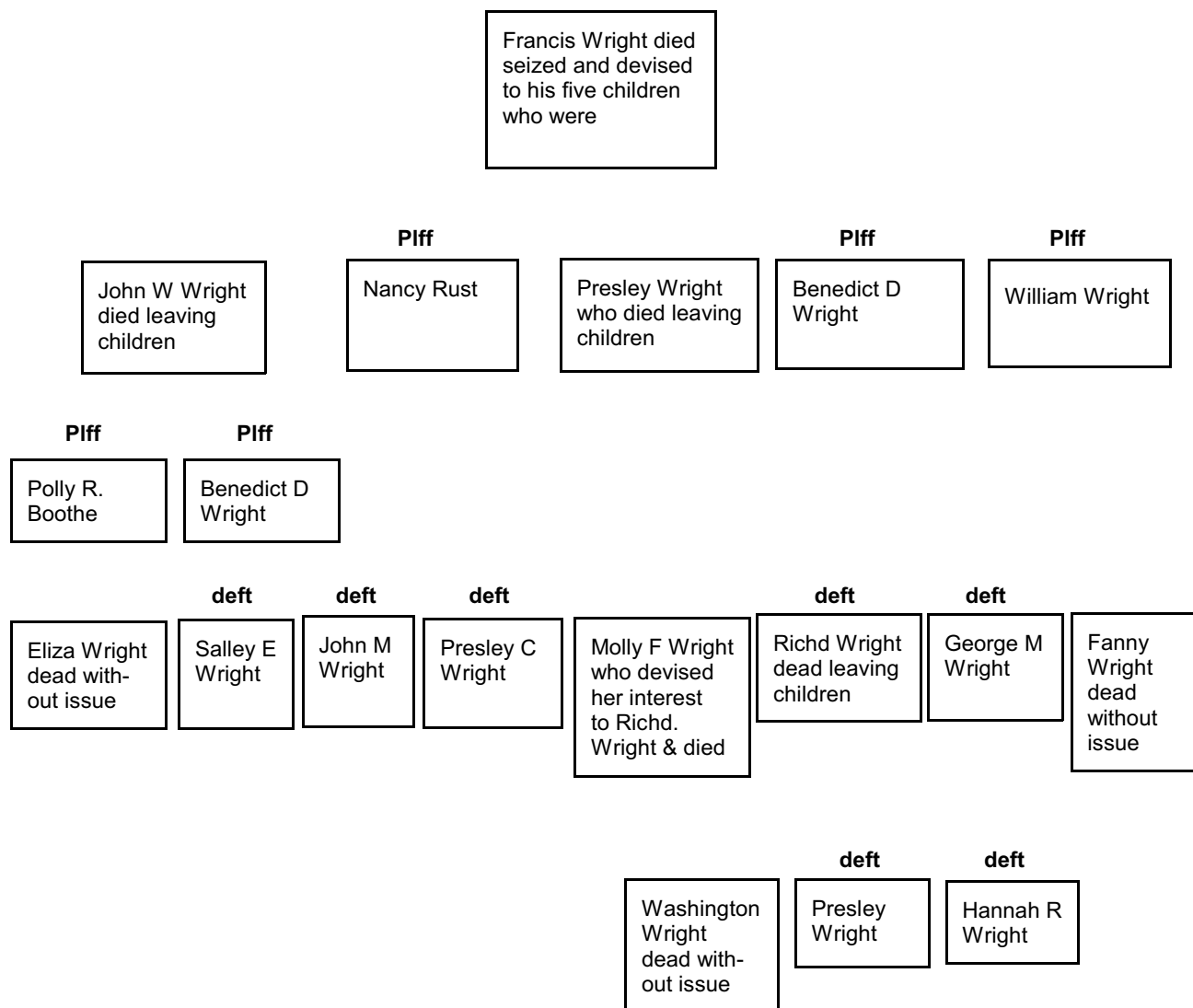
Peter P. C. Straughan	Applt.
against	
Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust, late Nancy Wright,	
Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R. his wife	Appees:

Upon an Appeal from a decree pronounced by the superior court of chancery held in Fredericksburg on the nineteenth day of May 1824 in a suit in which the appellees were plaintiffs and the appellant and others were defendants

This day came the parties by their counsel, and the court having maturely considered the transcript of the record of the decree aforesaid and the arguments of counsel, is of opinion, that the title of the Appellees being denied and doubtful, depending on serious questions of law and fact, which were only proper to be decided in a court of law, it was not competent to the court of chancery to decide upon the validity of their title. And that the court of chancery should, without deciding upon the title, have retained the bill for a reasonable time of the discretion of that court to enable the Appellees to prosecute such suit or suits at law as they might be advised to prosecute, for the purpose of establishing their title, and with liberty to the appellees if they succeeded at law, to resort to the court of chancery for a decree for partition in this cause; and if they failed to establish their title in a reasonable time, so to be prescribed by the court, to dismiss the bill with costs, and that the said decree is erroneous: therefore it is decreed and ordered that the said decree be reversed and annulled and that appellees do pay unto the Appellant his costs by him expended in the prosecution of his appeal aforesaid here. And it is ordered that the cause be remanded to the said chancery court to be proceeded in according to the foregoing opinion and decree.

Which is ordered to be certified to the said superior court of chancery

Appellants costs in the	A Copy Teste
court of appeals \$55.87	J. Allen C.C."



Note Francis Wright died in 1776 having devised the land in question to his children equally to be divided and Presley one of his sons under whom the depts: claim entered soon after his death - It is stated in the bill that this land was acquired by Francis Wright by devise from his father Richard Wright and it is suggested in one of the answers that it was acquired by purchase from Gerard Davis &c.

It is immaterial which be the fact as Francis Wright is proved to have died seized under whose will the plts claim

Molly F Wright devised her interest and George M Wright conveyed his interest to Richard Wright son of Presley who as well as Presley C Wright afterwards conveyed to George Smith who afterwards conveyed to Ellen Smith who conveyed to Peter P. C Straughn so that he now has title to the shares of Molly F George M and Richard Wright

It appearing to satisfaction of the Court that an error has been committed in the decree entered in this cause on the 19th day of the present month in that part of the said decree which directs the manner in which one fifth part of the land in the said decree mentioned shall be divided among the depts in this cause It is ordered that so much of the said decree as directs the manner in which the sd. fifth part should be divided among the sd depts be rescinded and the court doth in lieu thereof adjudge order and decree that the commissioners named in the sd. decree or such of them as may act do cause the said fifth part of the said land to be subdivided into six parts one of which part shall be of value equal to four eights of the said fifth part which they shall allot to the debt Peter P. C Straughn two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which they shall assign by lot to the debt John M. Wright and the other to the debt Sally E Wright, and three other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which they shall assign by lot to the debt George M Wright one other to the debt Presley C Wright and the remaining one tehey shall cause to be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which they shall assign by lot to the debt Presley Wright and the other to the debt Hannah R Wright”

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court's order was published as a reported decision:

“This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.
J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges

concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of his wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: "On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto." On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M'Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.

The answer of some of the defendants seems to consider the claim of the plaintiffs as applying to the tract of land of 123 acres, before mentioned, purchased by Francis Wright from Gerard Davis and others. These defendants rely upon the uninterrupted possession of the land mentioned in the bill, by Presley Wright, and those claiming under him, from the death of Francis Wright, until the exhibition of the bill, (a period of forty-five years,) without any claim set up, or made known, to the persons in possession, by the complainants, or those under whom some of them claim. They contest the sufficiency of the proof of the

will, and state that the clerk's office of Westmoreland county, (in which the land lies,) burnt, with many of its records; but at what time it was burned, they state they know not. All the defendants who answered, contested the right of the plaintiff to any part of the land. The delay on the part of the plaintiffs to assert their title, is not attempted to be accounted for. The depositions of the witnesses are unimportant, and are not evidence against one of the parties, a purchaser of a moiety of the land, who was not made a party to the cause until after all the depositions were taken.

The Court of Chancery decreed partition according to the prayer of the bill; describing the land so to be divided as the tract of land mentioned in the bill.

. . . .

The decree must therefore be reversed; and the only question which remains, is, whether the bill should be dismissed or retained for a reasonable time, to enable the plaintiffs to establish their title at law if they can, and to allow them, in that event, to resort again to the Court of Chancery, for a decree for partition in this suit?

. . . .

I think, therefore, that the bill should be retained a reasonable time, to be fixed by the Court of Chancery, that the plaintiffs may prosecute such action, at law as they may be advised to institute, for the establishment of their title, with liberty to the plaintiffs, if they should succeed at law, to resort to the Court of Chancery for a decree for partition in this suit."

These court records establish a number of relationships and facts:

- 1) John Wright was the brother of Richard Wright. This is clearly a reference to 1729/30 John Wright of Stafford County and his brother 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and the deed of gift from the former to the latter set forth above.
- 2) Richard Wright was the father of Francis Wright. This is clearly a reference to 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and his son 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County.
- 3) Francis Wright was born within 18 years of the writing of Richard Wright's will, or after March 10, 1722.
- 4) Francis Wright died in 1776 and before March 26, 1776, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, where his will was admitted to probate.
- 5) Francis Wright who died in 1776 was the father of the following children:
 - a) Richard Wright,
 - b) Presley Wright
 - c) Nancy (Wright) Rust,
 - d) Benedict D. Wright,

- e) Johnson Wigginton Wright, and
- f) William Wright.

6) Francis Wright did not have a son Wright and the listing of him in Francis Wright's will was a scrivener's error on the part of the drafter of the will or the clerk copying the will into the court record.

7) Francis Wright's son Richard Wright had died before March 26, 1776.

8) Francis Wright's son Presley Wright was a minor when Francis Wright's will was admitted to probate and, therefore, was born after March 26, 1755.

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and that Elizabeth had died on February 7, 1793:

"To the Honorable William Browne Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District - Humbly complaining shew unto your honor, your orators Benedict Wright and William Wright of the county of Westmoreland - That Benedict Middleton the maternal grandfather of your Orators departed this life in January 1785 possessed of lands and slaves of considerable value, having duly made and published his last will and Testament, whereby after making provision for the payment of his just debts, he proceeds to lend to his wife Hannah Middleton all his lands and one half of his negroes and other personal estate, during her natural life, and given the other half of his personal Estate in equal proportions to his grand son Benedict Lamkin, and his five daughters Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton. He then proceeds to dispose of the remainder of his real and personal estate, lent to his wife during her life, in the following clause. "Item. I give and bequeath unto my said grandson Benedict Lamkin and my five daughters, Elizabeth, Jane, Hannah, Martha and Ann, and their and each of their heirs forever, after the decease of my said dear wife, all my lands and the negroes and personal estate which I have lent her during her life to be equally divided among them, but my meaning is and it is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may have only her life in what I have given her as above, that is one sixth part of my whole estate real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to equally divided among my grand children that she had by her first husband Mr. Francis Wright decd., and the child that she now has or may have by Mr. George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever, with the future increase of the negroes that may be allotted to my said daughter Elizabeth Lewis, but be it remembered and understood, and it is my will and desire that if either of my daughters or grand

children should happen to die without having lawful issue, then and in that case, I only mean to lend him, her or them, what I have given as above mentioned, and after his, her or their decease to be equally divided among the survivors of them and their heirs forever. But no division to be until all my just debts are paid" - All which will more fully appear by reference to the will of the said Benedict Middleton a copy of which is herewith exhibited and prayed to be taken a part of this Bill. That Hannah Middleton the wife of the Testator departed this life on the 30th day of July 1795. That your orators are the sons of Elizabeth Lewis one of the daughters of the Testator, by her first husband Francis Wright, and were in being at the death of the Testator and described in the said will as the children of the said Francis Wright. That the said Elizabeth Lewis, besides your orators, had two other children viz. one son - Johnson W. Wright, who departed this life on the 1st day of January 1803, leaving issue. Benedict D. Wright, and Polly R. Wright who has since intermarried with Samuel J. Booth, and one daughter Hannah Clark (formerly Lewis) who departed this life in 1815, leaving issue two daughters Judith Clark, and Betsey Clark, who has since intermarried with Marcellus Windsor. That the said Elizabeth Lewis the mother of your orators, died on the 7th of February 1793 and in the lifetime of the said Hannah Middleton. That Hannah Middleton another daughter of the said Testator named in his will departed this life without issue in the year _____ in the lifetime of the said Hannah Middleton the wife of the said Testator, and before any division of the Estate of the Testator. That Anne Garner (formerly Middleton) another daughter of the said Testator, departed this life without issue April 28th 1820. That Jane Wroe, another daughter of the Testator died in December 1826 without issue. That Benedict Lamkin the grandson of the Testator; and Martha Oldham formerly Middleton another daughter of the Testator, and your Orators, were the only children and grand children of the Testator who were living at the death of the said Anne Garner, formerly Middleton) and Jane Wroe - That at the death of Anne Garner (formerly Middleton), there were in her possession the following slaves and land of the property, devised by the Testators to his wife for life, remainder to his children and grandchildren named in his will and the survivors, as before set forth viz - 12 slaves, Jane, Judith Peach, James, Mary, Sydnor, Edmund, Sally, Charles, Milley, Young Bill, Luce, & Old Bill and one hundred and four acres of land in the County of Westmoreland. That soon after the death of the said Anne Garner, Commissioners were appointed by the county court of Westmoreland to divide the land and slaves aforesaid among those persons entitled to distribution according to the provisions in the will of the said Benedict Middleton. That in Pursuance thereof and of the supposed intent of the said Testator, the slaves aforesaid were divided into three Equal portions of which Benedict Lamkin, the grandson of the Testator took one portion, to wit, Jane, Judith Peach, James and Mary, Martha Oldham (formerly, Middleton) a daughter of the Testator took another portion to wit Sydnor, Edmund, Sally & Charles, and your Orators; together with Benedict D. Wright and Polly R. Wright children of Johnson W. Wright, and Hannah Clark and Judith Clark children of Hannah Lewis, as the distributees of Elizabeth Lewis, the mother of your Orators and a daughter of the Testator took another Portion to wit. Milley, Young Bill, Luce, and Old Bill. And that the 104 acres of Land aforesaid were allotted to

Jane Wroe another daughter of the Testator and equivalent in value to the Negroes allotted to the other distributees. That your orators are advised that the will of the said Testator was misinterpreted by the Commissioners aforesaid, and that at the Proceedings in relation to the division of the land and negroes aforesaid, were irregular and contrary to the intent and meaning of the said Will - That your orators believe that the said land and negroes at the death of the said Anne Garner (formerly Middleton) ought to have been divided into five equal portions, of which Benedict Lamkin the grandson of the Testator was entitled to one Jane Wroe, to another, Martha Oldham to another, and your Orators to the remaining two.

That Jane Wroe at the time of her death held in her possession, Twenty seven Slaves by name to wit - Charles, Fanny, Daniel Susan, Mary, Ellen, William, Isaiah, Peter Martin, Aaron, Hannah Emily, Ann, Amanda, Hannah Delia, Linsey, Thornton, Tom, Maria, Dorinda, Eliza, Richard, Felicia, Paul & Judy - and _____ acres of Land, devised as aforesaid, to Hannah Middleton, the wife of the Testator for life remainder to the children and Grandchildren of the Testator named in his will, and the Survivor as before stated - That at the last March Court of the County of Westmoreland commissioners were appointed to divide the lands and Slaves which the said Jane Wroe had held for life according to the Provisions of the will of the said Benedict Middleton. That your Orators having ascertained their rights were unwilling that this portion of the Estate of their Grandfather, should be divided as that portion had been, which was held by Anne Garner for life as aforesaid. That in consequence of this the said commissioners, have had some difficulty in their Proceedings, but have gone so far as to divide the land and slaves aforesaid into three equal Portions, of which Benedict Lamkin has taken one, Martha Oldham another and your orators between them the third parties. That the said Commissioners have not yet been able to make a satisfactory report of their proceedings in relation to the said division, because of the conflicting claims of the parties and of the difficulty of rightly interpreting the will of the said Benedict Middleton deceased. That the aforesaid Benedict D. Wright, Samuel J. Booth and Polly R. his wife (who was Polly R Wright) and the aforesaid Marcellus Windsor and Betsey his wife (who was Betsey Clark) and Judith Clark, claim to be entitled to some portion of the land and slaves aforesaid as heirs and distributees of Elizabeth Lewis one of the daughters of the Testator as aforesaid. Whereas your orators contend, that they are entitled each to one equal fourth part of the lands and slaves aforesaid, as purchasers under under the will of the said Benedict Middleton decd - and not to a less portion as heirs or distributees of their mother the said Elizabeth Lewis decd and that the said Benedict Lamkin, and Martha Oldham are entitled to the other two fourths thereof. And that therefore the said Benedict D. Wright, Samuel J. Booth and Polly R his wife, and Marcellus Windsor and Betsey His Wife and Judith Clark are entitled to no portion of the land and slaves held by the said Jane Wroe, for life; and have wrongfully received a portion of the land and slaves held by the said Anne Garner for her life, as aforesaid. That your orators convinced of the injustice which has been done them in the division of the estate of their said Grandfather Benedict Middleton deceased, as well of that portion

held by Anne Garner for life as aforesaid, as that which was held by Jane Wroe decd, have repeatedly urged upon the parties hereinbefore mentioned, the propriety of a redivision of the said property, but the said Parties intending to defraud your orators in the Premises, have invariably refused to give their consent to this reasonable proposition. All which is contrary to Equity and good conscience, and tends to the manifest wrong and injury of your Orators in the Premises, in tender consideration whereof, and in-as-much as your Orators are remidiless in the premises save in a court of Equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable and relievable - To the end therefore that the said Martha Oldham in her own right and as administratrix of Jane Wroe deceased, Benedict Lamkin, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel J. Booth & Polly R his wife, Marcellus Windsor and Betsey his wife and Judith Clark may be made defendants hereto and full true and perfect answer make, and that this Honourable Court may decree a redivision of the lands and slaves and of the increase of the said slaves devised as aforesaid by the said Benedict Middleton decd, as well of those that were held by Anne Garner decd. as those that were held by Jane Wroe decd for life according to the true intent and meaning of the will of the said Benedict Middleton decd. And that the said defendants may be made to account to your Orators for the rents and profits of the said land and slaves thus improperly withheld by the said defendants, and for the value of such of them as have been sold. And for such other and further relief in the Premises as to your Honor may seem fit and the nature of the case may require. May it please your Honor to grant to your Orators the Commonwealths writ of subpoena &c

Newton p.q.”

This record identifies Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis as the wife of Francis Wright and their descendants as follows:

Children:

- 1) Benedict Wright,
- 2) William Wright, and
- 3) Johnson W. Wright

Grandchildren, children of Johnson W. Wright:

- 1) Benedict D. Wright, and
- 2) Polly R. (Wright) Boothe.

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court entered the following order:

“Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

‘Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use

of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

....

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

....

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright, who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.

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This record also identifies Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis as the wife of Francis Wright and their descendants as follows:

Children:

- 1) Benedict Wright,
- 2) William Wright, and
- 3) Johnson W. Wright

Grandchildren, children of Johnson W. Wright:

- 1) Benedict D. Wright, and
- 2) Polly R. (Wright) Boothe.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 3rd edition, by

Virginia M. Meyer and John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"9. Margaret Fleet³ (Henry², Henry¹), called Mary in her father's will, married, (bond 17) Oct. 1723⁶⁶, Presley Cox of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, son of Charnock Cox. He left will 18 Feb. 1766 - 30 Sept. 1766.⁶⁷

Issue: [Cox] 28. Mary Ann⁴, married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright who left will 5

Dec. 1775 - 26 March 1793;⁶⁸ 30. Fleet⁴, justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791 - 28 June 1791,⁷⁰ married Elizabeth Wright;

⁶⁶ Nottingham, *op. cit.*, p. 17.

⁶⁷ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 14, 1761-68, pp. 393-95.

⁶⁸ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.

⁷⁰ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, p. 191.”

This record identifies the first wife of Francis Wright as Mary Ann (Cox) Wright.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John

Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“28. Mary Ann⁴ Cox, (Margaret Fleet³, Henry², Henry¹) married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, who left will 5 Dec. 1775-26 March 1793.¹⁰⁵

Issue: [Wright] 89. Richard⁵; 90. Presley⁵, married Elizabeth Middleton; 91. Nancy⁵, married Matthew Rust.

¹⁰⁵ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.”

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Francis Wright and his first wife Mary Ann (Cox) Wright were the following:

- 1) Richard Wright, born before January 6, 1762,
- 2) Presley Wright, born after March 26, 1755, and before February 18, 1766,

and

- 3) Nancy (Wright) Rust, born after February 18, 1745, and before February 18, 1766, and

the children of Francis Wright and his second wife Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis were the following:

- 1) Benedict Wright, born after 1770 and before December 6, 1775,
- 2) Johnson Wigginton Wright, born before December 6, 1775, and
- 3) William Wright, born in about 1775 and before December 6, 1775.

i. Richard Wright

Richard Wright was a son of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Ann (Cox) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Peter Presly Cox dated on June 6, 1762, and probated on June 29,

1762, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 14/133, listed Fleet Cox as his brother and Richard Wright as his godson:

"In the Name of God Amen I Peter Presly Cox of the County of Westmoreland do make this my last Will and testament (that is to say) and as to my estate I dispose of as followeth Vizt first I give to my God Son Richard Wright One Negro girl named Mugg to him and his heirs forever, Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Sally One negro girl named Patt to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet and his heirs forever. Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Nancey One negro girl named Beck to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet Cox and his heirs forever. Item I give to my brother Fleet Cox all the rest of my estate not before given to him and his heirs paying to Jane Muffets two Daughters Salley and Nancy fifty pounds current money a piece when they come to the age of eighteen years or marry and my Brother Fleet or his heirs is to board and cloath the said two Daughters of Jane Muffet till they come to the age of eighteen years or marry I do appoint my brother Fleet Cox executor of this my last Will and testament As Witness my and seal this sixth day of June 1762.

Peter Presley Cox

. . . ."

As set forth below, Elizabeth (Wright) Cox was the sister of Francis Wright and wife of Fleet Cox. The listing of Richard Wright in this will indicates that he was born before June 29, 1762.

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, listed Richard Wright as his grandson:

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Richard Wright and Presley Wright and my grand Daughter Nancy Wright ten pounds current money of Virginia each to be paid out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of Marriage lastly I Constitute and appoint my son Fleet Cox and my son William Cox and Francis Wright to be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will"

The appointment of Frances Wright as executor and the listing of a grandchild named Richard Wright identifies Richard Wright as a child of Francis Wright and indicates that he was born before February 18, 1766.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court entered the following order:

“This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.

J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: “On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto.” On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M’Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.

... .”

The absence of Richard Wright from the list of Francis Wright’s children who survived him indicates that Richard Wright had died before Francis Wright’s death and, therefore sometime before March 26, 1776.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“28. Mary Ann⁴ Cox, (Margaret Fleet³, Henry², Henry¹) married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, who left will 5 Dec. 1775-26 March 1793.¹⁰⁵
Issue: [Wright] 89. Richard⁵; 90. Presley⁵, married Elizabeth Middleton; 91. Nancy⁵, married Matthew Rust.

¹⁰⁵ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.”

ii. 1809 Presley Wright Of Westmoreland County, His
Wife Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright, And His
Descendants

1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Ann (Cox) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, listed Presley Wright as his grandson:

“In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Richard Wright and Presley Wright and my grand Daughter Nancy Wright ten pounds current money of Virginia each to be paid out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of Marriage lastly I Constitute and appoint my son Fleet Cox and my son William Cox and Francis Wright to be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and testament
... .”

The appointment of Frances/Francis Wright as executor and the listing of a grandchild Presley Wright identifies Presley Wright as a child of Francis Wright and indicates that Presley Wright was born before February 18, 1766.

The will of Francis Wright dated on December 6, 1775, and probated on March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, did not list Presley

Wright as one of his children.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, listed Presley Wright as a son of Francis Wright and Mary Ann (Cox) Wright and as the husband of Elizabeth Middleton:

“28. Mary Ann⁴ Cox, (Margaret Fleet³, Henry², Henry¹) married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, who left will 5 Dec. 1775-26 March 1793.¹⁰⁵

Issue: [Wright] 89. Richard⁵; 90. Presley⁵, married Elizabeth Middleton; 91. Nancy⁵, married Matthew Rust.

¹⁰⁵ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.”

The 1782 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Presly Wright with 120 acres of land. The document by which Presley Wright acquired this land has not as yet been identified, but may have been the 123 acres of land purchased by Francis Wright in 1753 by Westmoreland County D.&W.B. 12/48. As set forth below, the ownership of that land was apparently the subject of dispute after the death of Presley Wright.

On August 16, 1785, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 16/268, Presly Wright purchased from Elizabeth Lewis, widow and relict of Francis Wright, and her husband George Lewis 60 acres of land in Westmoreland County that had been the dower interest of Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis in the land of her first husband 1776 Francis Wright, the father 1809 Presley Wright:

"This Indenture made the Sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five, and in the tenth year of Independancy Between George Lewis and Elizabeth his wife of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia of the one part, & Presly Wright of the Parish County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, That the said George Lewis, and Elizabeth his Wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds lawful specie of said State to them in hand paid by the said Presly Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife doth hereby acknowledge, and themselves therewith fully satisfied, content and paid, and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof, doth freely and clearly acquit Exhonerate, and discharge the said Presly Wright, his heirs Executors, & administrators forever, By these presents Hath given, Granted bargained Sold aliened Enfeoffed, and Confirmed, and by these presents, doth fully freely absolutely, and clearly, give Grant, Bargain, Sell alien Enfeoff and Confirm, unto the said Presly Wright his heirs & assigns forever, all that peice parcel or Tract of Land containing Sixty Acres be the same more or less, situate lying & being in

the Parish County, and State aforesaid. It being the Land the Said Elizabeth Lewis wife of the said George Lewis had laid off to her for her thirds, as then being a widow, or the relict of Francis Wright decd. (reference being had to the division of the said Land may more fully make it appear) With all its rights, members Jurisdctions, and appurtenances, together with Houses, Edifices Buildings Orchards woods underwoods, profits Commodities Hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuage or Tenement & premises or to any part or parcel of them belonging or in any wise appurtaing and the reversion or reversions, remainder and Remainders of all and Singular the before granted premises, or all and every part & parcel thereof and also all the Estate Right Title Interest, use possession, Property clame & demand whatever of them the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife in or to the same, and all Deeds Writings and evidences touching or concerning the premises, or any part or parcel of them To Have and to Hold the said messuage or Tenement and all and Singular other the premises hereby granted, Bargained & Sold, or mentioned to be herein or Hereby granted bargained and sold with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said Presly Wright his heirs & assigns forever. And they the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their Heirs Exors and administrators the said Messuages or Tenement of Sixty Acres of Land in the same more or less and all and singular other the premises before granted & sold, or intended to be Granted, bargained and Sold with ye appurtenances unto the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use Benefit and behoof of the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns forever, against them the Said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs Executors and administrators, and all and every other person, or persons claiming by from or under them or their heirs, Executors or administrators shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. And the said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife for themselves their heirs Executors & administrators do Covenant Grant and agree, to and with the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns, and every of them by these presents, in manner and form following (that is to say) that they the said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife at the time of ensealing & delivery of these presents is and until a good pure perfect, and absolute Estate of Inheritance, of all and singular the before granted premises, and every part thereof shall be fully vested, settled & executed in and upon the said Presly Wright his heirs and assigns, according to the true meaning of these presents invested with an absolute power and Right of Inheritance in Fee Simple to the aforesaid mesuage and premises before recited to dispose of, & confirm the same, and that the said Presly Wright his heirs, and assigns &c and every of them, shall and may by force & virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times forever hereafter Lawfully, peaceably, and quietly, Have Hold, use occupy possess and enjoy the Said Messuage or Tenement, and all & Singular the before mentioned premises, with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances & have receive & take the Rents, issues and profits thereof, without any trouble denial, interruption, or disturbance of them the said George Lewis and Elizabeth his Wife their heirs Executors admors &c &c and that free & clear & freely & clearly acquitted,

exhonerated & discharged, or otherwise from time to time well & sufficiently kept harmless by them the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife their heirs &c of and from all other manner, former Gifts & Grants, Bargains & Sales, Leases Dowers & title of Dower, and from all and singular titles claims & demands of the said George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife, their heirs Exors admors &c In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & date above written

Signed Sealed & deli-	)	George Lewis
vered in the presence of	)	Elizabeth Lewis
Jos Lane		
Saml Rust		
Robert Sanford		
William Middleton		
John Middleton		
Danl Bailey		

August 16th 1785 Then received of the within mentioned Presly Wright Sixty pounds Specie it being the within consideration specified recd pr us

Testes	George Lewis
Jos Lane	Elizabeth Lewis
Saml Rust	
Robt Sanford	
William Middleton	
Danl. Bailey	
John Middleton	

Memorandum That on the 16th day of August Anno Dom 1785 That livery and Seizen of the Lands & premises within mentioned was made by delivering Turf & Twig & the Ring of the Mansion House Door, unto Presly Wright within mentioned, accord to the form & effect of the within Deed - In presence of us

Jos Lane
Saml Rust
Robert Sanford
William Middleton
John Middleton
Danl. Bailey

The Commonwealth of Virginia To Richard Lee, Joseph Lane & Samuel Rust, Gentlemen Greeting Whereas George Lewis & Elizabeth his wife by their certain Indenture of Feoffment bearing date the 16th day of August 1785 have sold and conveyd unto Presly Wright of the Parish of Cople & County of Westmoreland the Fee Simple Estate of Sixty Acres of Land (more or less) with the appurtenances lying and being in the Parish & County aforesaid, and whereas the said Elizabeth cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County to

make acknowledgment of the said conveyance Therefore we do give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Elizabeth shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid contained in the Said Indenture (which is hereunto annexed) And we do therefore command you that you do personally go to the said Elizabeth and receive her acknowledgment of the Same, & examine her privily and apart from the said George Lewis her Husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily without his persuasions or threats and whither she be willing that the same should be recorded in our said County Court of Westmoreland & when you have received her acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said County Court under your Seals sending then these the said Indenture and this Writ. Witness Richard Parker Clerk of our said Court this 17th day of August 1785 in the tenth year of the Commonwealth

William H Parker DCW

Westmoreland County Sct

By Virtue of a Commission to us directed bearing date the seventeenth day of August 1785 to take the private examination of Elizabeth Lewis wife of George Lewis of the County of Westmoreland aforesaid touching her relinquishment of her right, and also right of Dower to a certain peice of Land, Containing Sixty Acres, more or less lying and being in the parish of Cople & County of Westmoreland, conveyed by George Lewis & Elizabeth his Wife to Presly Wright, as by a Deed of Feoffment bearing date the Sixteenth day of August 1785. We have examined the said Elizabeth Lewis privily and apart from the said George Lewis, & She acknowledged all her Right & Title to the said Sixty acres of Land & declared that she did the same of her own free Will & Consent, without the threats, or persua_ons of her said Husband George Lewis and that she is willing that the same should be recorded in Westmoreland County Court

Given under our hands & Seals this 17th day of August Anno Dom 1785

Jos Lane
Saml Rust

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of September 1785

This Deed of Feoffment was proved by the Oaths of Robert Sanford William Middleton & John Middleton together with the receipt thereon endorsed which with the Commission & privy examination of Elizabeth Lewis is admitted to Record

Teste
Richard Parker C.W.C."

The 1789 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Presly Wright with 180 acres of land, reflecting the acquisition of 60 acres by Westmoreland County Deed 16/268.

The 1795 through 1807 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Presly Wright with 180 acres of land.

No Tax Lists were taken in 1808.

The 1809 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Presly Wright with 180 acres of land.

On April 24, 1809, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 1806-1815/139, the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Presley Wright dated on March 27, 1809, was filed and showed an estate of £943, 12s, 8-1/4d, including 11 slaves:

"Conformable to an order of Westmoreland Court tearing date the 27th day of March 1809 we the subscribers proceeded to Inventory and appraise the Estate of Presley Wright deceased

	£	S	D
Antony	100	-	-
James	100	-	-
Joe	75	-	-
Willis	75	-	-
Ned	20	-	-
Siner	75	-	-
Nell	60	-	-
Luce	50	-	-
Hannah	30	-	-
Daniel	25	-	-
Spencer	15	-	-
One Bed Bedstead of furniture	12	-	-
One ditto	12	-	-
One ditto	9	-	-
One ditto	9	-	-
One ditto	12	-	-
One ditto	6	-	-
One walnut Table	2	-	-
One ditto	1	-	-
Desk and Book case	7	10	-
Desk	1	10	-
4 Flaged chairs	1	10	-
2 Cases and bottles	-	12	-
One black Walnut chest	-	18	-
3 Trunks	-	6	-
One Ironing Table	-	15	-

One Saddle & bridle	1	4	-
2 looking Glasses	-	15	-
One Gun	1	10	-
2 pair of Andirons	-	4	-
Shovel and Tongs	-	4	6
Parcel of Books	-	10	-
	£706	8	6
Brought forward`	£	S	D
One Tea Kittle	-	6	-
One Copper Kittle	-	12	-
½ dozen Jugs	-	12	-
½ dozen earthern pots	-	15	-
One Box Iron & Heater	-	1	6
One Tin Kittle & bread baskets	-	3	-
One Griddle	-	5	-
7 Small plam pots	-	7	-
One Coffee Mill	-	2	-
One Coffe pot	-	1	-
Knife box	-	3	-
½ dozen Knives and forks	-	3	-
One round Walnut Table	-	12	-
Parcel of earthen ware	3	-	-
13 Table Spoons	-	9	-
4 T Glasses	-	6	-
One dozen Tea Spoons	-	2	-
½ dozen Silver ditto	1	10	-
Tea Board & Waiters	-	4	6
1½ dozen pewter plates	-	18	-
5 Basons ditto	-	6	-
3 Dishes ditto	-	4	6
5 Iron pots	-	15	-
3 pair of hooks 2 Racks & Spit	-	12	-
2 large traces	-	6	-
12 Tin pans	-	4	6
1 Gallon pots an Can	-	4	6
parcel of Wooden Ware	-	9	-
parcel of Stand tubs & Casks	6	-	-
½ dozen Axes	1	10	-
½ dozen Ox chain	2	8	-
4 plows & stocks	1	16	-
9 Hoes & 5 Iron Wedges	1	14	-
parcel of Lumber	-	1	6
4 Augers & 3 Chissels	-	6	-
Hammer Hatchet & Spade	-	6	-
	£27	15	-
Brought forward	£	S	D
Drawing knife, Hand saw & frou	-	6	-

3 Candle Sticks	-	4	6
Candle Moulds	-	1	-
4 Spinning wheels & 4 pr Cards	2	-	-
1 Cart & pair of Wheels	4	-	-
Spice Stand	-	3	-
Cradle and bed	1	4	-
Bedstead	-	12	-
3 Salt Cellars	-	4	6
One Kittle dutch Oven & frying pan	-	12	-
One larg copper Kittle	4	-	-
3 pair Hames with rope traces	-	6	-
Loom	1	10	-
4 half round and pins	-	4	6
4 large Hamper baskets & 7 small ditto	-	12	-
1 half bushel & peck	-	1	6
1 Cart	2	-	-
2 large Iron pins & 2 Scythe blades	-	4	6
One yoke of young Steers	6	-	-
One Bull	2	-	-
One pide Cow and Calf	3	-	-
One ditto	3	-	-
One ditto	3	-	-
One pide Cow	2	10	-
One dark ditto	1	16	-
One pide ditto	2	-	-
One pide ditto	2	-	-
7 yearlings	4	10	-
11 old Sheep & 6 lambs	6	-	-
1 roan Mare	4	10	-
Young roan ditto	9	-	-
1 black Calf	4	10	-
One dark ditto	10	-	-
One Sorrell Horse	20	-	-
Chair & Harness	12	-	-
One yoke of young pide Steers	10	-	-
One ditto	9	-	-
One ditto	9	-	-
	£142	1	6
Brought Forward	£	S	D
One Steer	4	10	-
15 head of Geese	1	10	-
2 Hogs	2	8	-
Grind Stone	-	4	6
3 Bee hives	-	18	-
Cross cut Saw	-	4	6
2 Grubing Hoes	-	2	-
Basket and Lumber	-	6	-

11 Reap hooks	-	3	-
4 Riddus & 2 Sand Sieves	-	6	-
2 hds of Tobacco Nett W 1010-936	19	19	2½
30 barrels of corn	18	-	-
2 pr Sheep Sheers & Main ____	-	3	-
One dicanter, bottle and Cruit	-	7	6
25 head of Hogs	16	16	-
Sow and pigs	1	16	-
One pair of flat Irons	-	4	-
	67	7	8¼
	142	1	6
	27	15	-
	706	8	6
Aggregate	£943	12	8¼

Given under our hands the 12 of April 1809

Thomas Plummer
William Middleton
Peter P. Cox

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1809.

The foregoing Inventory & apraisment of the Estate of Presley Wright decd.
returned and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Josep Fox C.W.C."

This record indicates that Presley Wright had died before March 27, 1809.

The 1810 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the Presly
Write Estate with 180 acres of land, reflecting his death in 1809.

The 1811 and 1812 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the
Presley Wright Estate with two parcels, one for 180 acres of land and a second for 125
acres from McFarlane.

On March 23, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 9/315, an
account of the sales of the estate of Presley Wright was filed showing sales to Mary F.
Wright, Sarah E. Wright, George M. Wright, William Wright, and Bent. Wright among
others.

On August 24, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 9/338, the
Division and Allotment of the estate of Presley Wright dated July 24, 1812, was filed:

"Anthony Siner	No 1	£100	To Richard Wright				£76.17.6
	No 2	" 65 "	Sarah Wright	To receive of			
				R.W No. 1	£11:17:6	76.17.6	
Nelly	No 3	" 75 "	Eliza Wright	To receive of			
				R.W No. 1	1:17:6	76.17.6	
Joe	No 4	" 75 "	Presley Wright	To receive of			
				R.W No. 1	1:17:6	76.17.6	
Willis	No 5	" 75 "	George Wright	To receive of			
				M.F.W. No 8	1:17:6	76.17.6	
Lucy	No 6	" 70 "	John Wright	To receive of			
				R.W No. 1	6:17:6	76.17.6	
Daniel & Ned	No 7	" 75 "	Francis Wright	To receive of			
				M.F.W. No 8	1:17:6	76.17.6	
Hanner & Spencer	No 8	" 80 "	Mary F. Wright	To receive of			
				R.W No. 1	12:6	76.17.6	
					<u>£615</u>	<u>£615. - -</u>	
						£76:17:6	

Amounts of Account Sale after Debts being Paid £351.11.0½ Divided into eight parts which make each Persons part £43.18.10½. Sarah Wright Received her proportionable part in Bonds George M Wright Recd. his part and John Wright his part, Richard Wright Guardian of Presly Wright Eliza and fanny Wright Received their parts in Bonds

Pursuant to an order of Westmoreland County Court bearing date the 23rd day of March 1812 we the Commissioners have met and Divided the Estate of Presley Wright Deceased Between the legal representatives.

July 24th 1812

William Middleton
William Wright
John Lyell

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of August 1812 The Foregoing Acct of the Division of Presley Wright Decd. was Returned and ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Jos. Fox C.W."

This record identifies the children of Presley Wright as follows:

- 1) Richard Wright,
- 2) Sarah Wright,
- 3) Eliza Wright,
- 4) Presley Wright,
- 5) George M. Wright,

- 6) John Wright,
- 7) Frances Wright, and
- 8) Mary F. Wright.

The 1813 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the Presley Wright Estate with two parcels for 180 acres and 125 acres of land.

The 1814 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list the Presley Wright Estate, but did list the heirs of Presley Wright as tenants of small parcels of land, reflecting the division of the estate land.

On April 20, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 24/59, a division and allotment of the land of Presley Wright was filed:

"Pursuant to an order of court of Westmoreland County bearing date June 1818 we the subscribers met and accompanied by Samuel Lamkin the county Surveyor of westmoreland proceeded to divide the land of which Presley Wright died seized among his legal representatives according to law (Vizt)

Lot No 1 being the lot the mansion house stands on containing an area of 0 A: 1 R: 30 P: was drawn by Eliza Wright

Lot No 2 containing an area of 21 acres was drawn by Francis Wright

Lot No 3 containing an area of 21 acres was drawn by Eleonor Smith

Lot No. 4 containing an area of 42 A: 0 R: 27.5 P: was drawn by John Wright

Lot No. 5 containing an area of 42 A: 0 R: 27.5 P: was drawn by Eleonor Smith

Lot No 6 containing an area of 42 A: 0 R: 27.5 P: was drawn by Sarah Wright.

Lot No 7 containing an area of 56 0 10 was drawn by Eleonor Smith.

Lot No 8 containing an area of 56 0 10 was drawn by Eleonor Smith.

The Courses and distances by which the several foregoing Lots are bounded may be seen by referring to the report of the said Surveyor, attached hereunto: Given under our hands this 20th day of April 1820.

John Graham
William Middleton

By Virtue of an order of the County court of Westmoreland bearing date the June day of 1818: Surveyed and divided the above figure of lying and being in the said County amongst the legal representatives of Presley Wright deceased.

Beginning at A a hiccory in the line of J. J. Maund's heirs and corner to Presley Cox thence with Coxes line S 59° E 137 poles to B, a stake on the side of a branch corner to William Wright with his line S. 38° W 123.2 poles to C a Sycamore representing a box oak called for in the original papers, thence S. 58°: 30' E 24.5 poles D, a stake thence S. 43° W 139.5 poles Crossing the road to E a small red oak corner to William Wright and in the line of Peter Smith thence with said Smith's line N. 50° W 41 poles to F a marked Dogwood and hiccory, thence S. 41° 30' W 84.2 poles to G near a dogwood and cedar corner to J. J. Maunds heirs, thence with Maunds line N 49° W 97.6 poles to H a Stone, thence N 43° 30' E. 22.8 poles to I a stooping hiccory in the bottom thence N. 30° E 44 poles to K a hiccory on the side of a ditch thence N 37° E 253 poles to the beginning containing 281 A 0 R 12.5 P

The courses and distances of the several divisions are as follows Lot No 1 being the lot the mation House stands on begins at a stake in the yard at Figure 1 thence S 77° W. 36 poles to figure 2 thence N. 23.45 W 12.3 poles to 3 thence N. 71.30 E 6.5 poles to 4 thence S. 13° E. 13.3 poles to the beginning containing an area of 0 A. 1 R. 30 P.

Lot No. 2 begins 1.5 poles from the beginning of Lot No 1 and in the first line thence up the road from the house S. 18° 30' E 23.6 poles to figure 5 thence N. 71° 30' E 90 poles to 6, thence N. 18° 30' W. 37 poles to 7, thence S. 71° 30' W 90 poles to 4, corner of Lot No. 1 and contains an area of 21 acres.

Lot No. 3, begins at figure 5, corner to lot No. 2, thence up the road 18° 30' E. 57.5 poles to 8, in the main road, leading to the crossroads, thence down the same S. 67° E 39.5 poles to 9, two walnuts and a Mulberry, in William Wrights line, thence with the same 20 poles to 10, thence N. 22° 30' W. to 11 being the second line of lot no 2, containing an area of 21 A.

Lot No. 4. Begins at figure 8 in the road corner to no 3 thence up the road N 67° W 120 poles to 12, a marked red oak in the line of Maunds heirs corner to no. 6, thence with the same, 139 poles to 13, a marked pine corner to no 7, thence S 2° W to 4 corner to lot no 1, 2 & 7, thence with the lines of lots no 1 & 2 & 3 to the beginning containing an area of 42 A, 0 R, 27.5 P.

Lot no 5. Begins at 9, thence up the main road 92 poles to 14 corner to lot no. 6, and in the line of no 4, thence S. 35 W. to 15, one of the lines dividing this land from Maunds Heirs containing an area of 42: 0: 27.5.

No 6 contains an area of 42: 0: 27.5 and is bounded by the lines of lots 4 & 5.

Lot no 7 begins at figure 7, corner to no. 8 & no 2, thence N. 15° 15' E to 16 the line dividing this Land from the Land of presley Cox the Lots 7 & 8 contains each 56 a 0 R 10 P

December 1st 1818

Saml Lamkin S.W.C.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1820.

This report of the division of the land of which Presly Wright died Seized in the County of Westmoreland being returned to court is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jo: Fox C.W.C"

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Presley Wright as a son of Francis Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law

Your complainants further shew that the said Presley Wright soon after the death of his said father entered upon the whole of the said tract of land and received the assets and profits thereof until his death which took place on or about the _____ day of _____ that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years - That administration of the estate of the said Presley Wright decd. was committed by the said County Court of Westmoreland to the said Richard Wright who qualified accordingly -

. . . .

Your complainants further shew that since the death of the said Presley Wright, the whole of the said land has been held and the rents and profits thereof received by the children of the said Presley Wright and the purchasers under them aforesaid

. . . ."

On April 5, 1822, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, William Middleton stated in a deposition that Presley

Wright died before 1810:

"The Deposition of William Middleton of lawful age taken the 5th day of April 1822

.....

Question by the Defendant, What time did Presly Wright die according to the best of your knowledge?

Answer. I believe he died previous to the year 1810 but at what particular time I do not know

Ques by same: Had not Presley Wright possession of the land in dispute during his life & at the time of his death?

Answer: Presly Wright had it in possession ever since I first knew him, and that possession continued until his death

Ques: by Same: Upon Presly Wrights death did not the possession of this land descend to his Children: & have not they or those claiming under them ever since held it as their own?

Ans: Yes:

.....

And further this deponent saith not

Wm Middleton

Taken and sworn to before us this 5th day of April 1822

Robert Murphy
Wm Nelson"

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright and which identified Presley Wright as a son of Francis Wright:

"Virginia: At a court of Appeals held at the capitol in the city of Richmond on Thursday November 2nd 1826

Peter P. C. Straughan

Applt.

against

Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust, late Nancy Wright,
Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R. his wife

Appees:

Upon an Appeal from a decree pronounced by the superior court of chancery held in Fredericksburg on the nineteenth day of May 1824 in a suit in which the

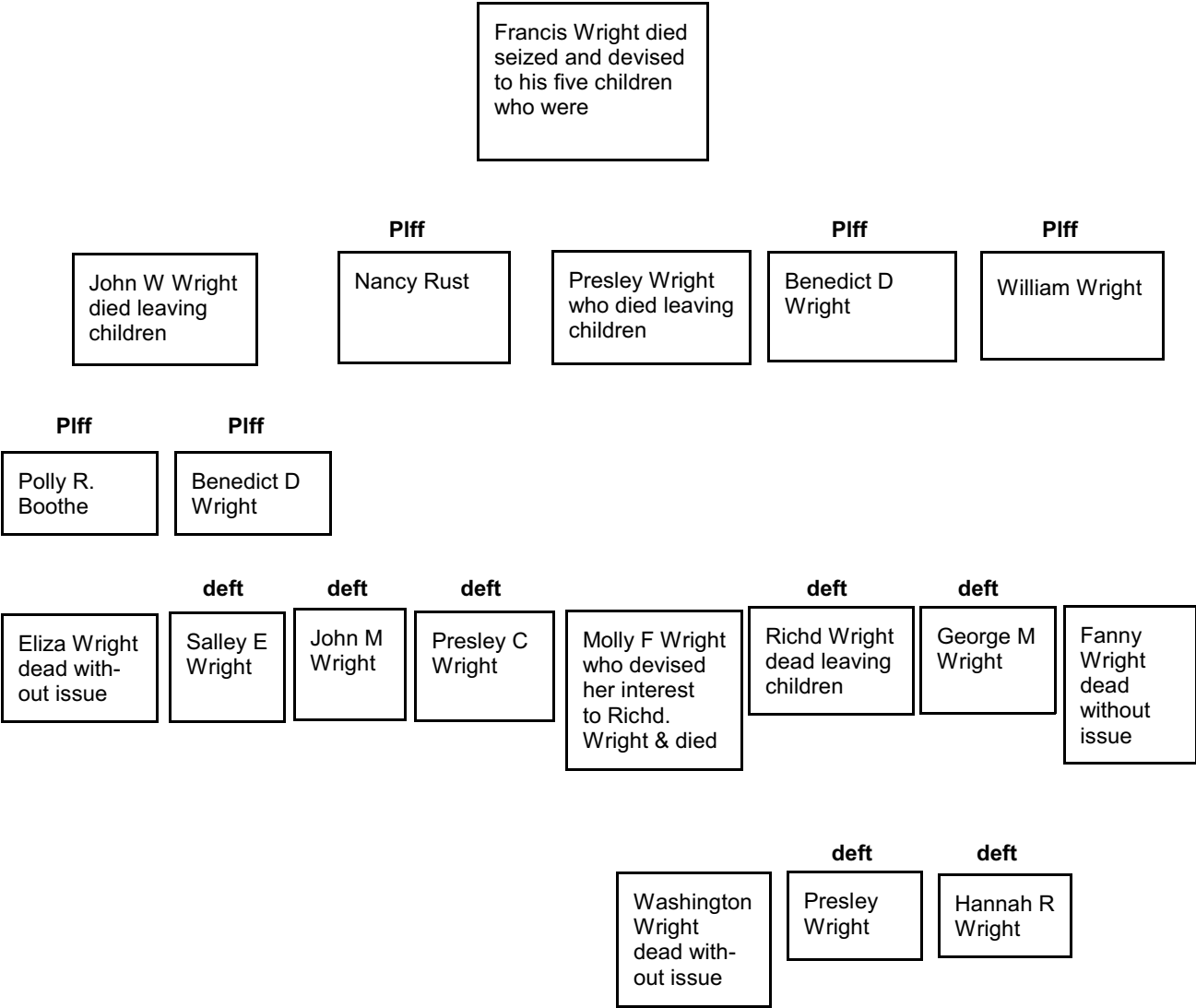
appellees were plaintiffs and the appellant and others were defendants

This day came the parties by their counsel, and the court having maturely considered the transcript of the record of the decree aforesaid and the arguments of counsel, is of opinion, that the title of the Appellees being denied and doubtful, depending on serious questions of law and fact, which were only proper to be decided in a court of law, it was not competent to the court of chancery to decide upon the validity of their title. And that the court of chancery should, without deciding upon the title, have retained the bill for a reasonable time of the discretion of that court to enable the Appellees to prosecute such suit or suits at law as they might be advised to prosecute, for the purpose of establishing their title, and with liberty to the appellees if they succeeded at law, to resort to the court of chancery for a decree for partition in this cause; and if they failed to establish their title in a reasonable time, so to be prescribed by the court, to dismiss the bill with costs, and that the said decree is erroneous: therefore it is decreed and ordered that the said decree be reversed and annulled and that appellees do pay unto the Appellant his costs by him expended in the prosecution of his appeal aforesaid here. And it is ordered that the cause be remanded to the said chancery court to be proceeded in according to the foregoing opinion and decree.

Which is ordered to be certified to the said superior court of chancery

Appellants costs in the
court of appeals \$55.87

A Copy Teste
J. Allen C.C.”



This chart identifies the children of Presley Wright as follows:

- 1) Eliza Wright, then deceased,
- 2) Salley E. Wright,
- 3) John M. Wright,
- 4) Presley C. Wright,
- 5) Molly F. Wright, then deceased,
- 6) Richard Wright, then deceased,
- 7) George M. Wright, and
- 8) Fanny Wright, then deceased.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court's order was published as a reported case:

"This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.

J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: "On the motion of Francis Wright,

it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto." On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M'Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.
. . . ."

This record identifies Francis Wright as the father of Presley Wright and indicates that Presley Wright was a minor when Francis Wright's will was first proved on March 26, 1776, and, therefore, was born after March 26, 1755.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died:

"To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny. That, at her decease, the said Fanny Wright was the fee simple owner of a small tract of land lying in Westmoreland county, containing about twenty two acres, of which the share descending to each of her heirs aforesaid would be of much less value than three hundred dollars. That your orator & oratrix have, for some time past, been desirous that a sale of the said land should be made, and a division of its price effected among the said heirs, and have made known their wish upon the subject to all of the parties interested who are resident in Virginia, but they, although not unwilling to acquiesce in such a measure, seem yet indisposed towards doing any thing for carrying it into effect. And your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your worships that the aforementioned Presley C. Wright and John Wright are not now inhabitants of this Commonwealth: the former removed from Virginia some five

or six years ago, and has never been heard of since; and the latter, when last hear from, about three years past, was residing in Georgia. Now your orator & oratrix are advised that, under all the circumstances of this case, a sale and division of the said land may most properly be obtained through the assistance of a court of equity. In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch &c. &c. To the end, therefore, that the said George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, Sally Wright, John Wright, Presley Wright, and Hannah Wright, may be made defendants, and may answer this bill &c.; and that a guardian may be assigned to the said Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, who are infants, to defend them in this behalf; and that proper proceedings may be had against the said non-residents Presley C. and John; and that a decree may be had for a sale of the said land, and a division of tis price among those legally entitled thereto; and that your orator & oratrix may obtain such other & further relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require and as to your worships may seem meet, may it please your worships &c. &c.

W. Y. Thurman p.q.

Richard Sydnor & Elizabeth his wife, plffs.)	
vs	)	In chancery.
George M. Wright and others, defendants)	

This day the plaintiffs filed their bill; and thereupon it is ordered that process issue against the defendants. And, on motion of the said plffs, John Graham is by the Court assigned guardian to the infant defendants Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, to defend them in this suit."

This record identifies the descendants of Presley Wright who were living on March 23, 1830, as follows:

Children:

- 1) Elizabeth (Wright) Sydnor,
- 2) George M. Wright,
- 3) Presley C. Wright,
- 4) John Wright,
- 5) Sally Wright,
- 6) Richard Wright, and

Grandchildren, children of Richard Wright,

- 1) Presley Wright, and
- 2) Hannah Wright.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, the court issued a summons against the

defendants:

“At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held from Westmoreland County the 23rd day of March 1830,

Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife Plaintiffs)
 against) In Chancery
 George m Wright and Others Defendants)

This day the plaintiffs filed their bill and thereupon it is Ordered that proper process issue against the defendants and, on motion of the said plaintiffs, John Graham is by the Court assigned guardian to the infant defendants Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, to defend them in this suit.

A Copy Tests,
Graham CC”

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Presley Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright were the following:

- 1) George M. Wright, born in about 1787 in Westmoreland County, Virginia,
- 2) Richard Wright, born before March 2, 1791,
- 3) Molly Fleet Wright, born before May 8, 1794,
- 4) Presley C. Wright, born before January 14, 1794,
- 5) Sarah Ellen "Sally" Wright, born in about 1798 in Virginia,
- 6) John M. Wright, born before March 4, 1800.
- 7) Elizabeth "Eliza" (Wright) Sydnor, born after July 8, 1799, and in about 1805 in Virginia, and
- 8) Frances "Fanny" Wright, born in about 1807.

(I) 1855 George M. Wright Of Richmond County,
His Wife Catherine A. Moxley Pope (Sanford)
Wright, And His Descendants

1855 George M. Wright of Richmond County
was a son of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton)
(Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776
Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The will of Augustine Moxley dated June 9, 1797, and probated on August 18, 1797, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 19/264, listed his goddaughter as Caty Moxley Pope Sanford:

"I Augustine Moxley of the County of Westmoreland do hereby make my Last will and Testament in manner and form following:

....

7thly I give and bequeath unto my God daughter Caty Moxley Pope Sanford one negroe Girl named Beall to her and her heirs forever.

....

I have hereunto Affixed my hand and Seal this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord 1797.

Augustine Moxley

...."

As will be set forth below, George M. Wright married Catherine M. P. Sanford and this record identifies her as Catherine Moxley Pope Sanford.

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed George Wright with the following household:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
George Wright	1	16-26			1	1

This record indicates that George Wright was born between 1784 and 1794.

On March 2, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/254, George M. Wright sold to Richard Wright all of his interest in the land lately owned by and lived on by Presley Wright:

"Wright)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made this 2nd day of March Eighteen hundred and twelve. Between Richard Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and George M. Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said George M. Wright for and in consideration of the sum of 200 dollars to him in hand paid by the said Richard Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have granted bargain'd and Sold, and by these presents Do grant Sell Alien release and confirm unto him the said Richard Wright and his heirs forever, All the right, title, claim and Interest which he the said George M. Wright has or may have, to that Tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid whereon Presley Wright lately lived and of which he died Seized, be the same more or less. To have and to Hold the aforementioned premises or Tract of Land freed and Cleard from all right, title claim or demand either in Law or equity of him the said

Sign'd Seal'd & deliver'd) Geo. M. Wright
in presence of)
Wm. Wright
Presly C. Wright
John Withers

Teste Geo M. Wright

_____ Teste
Jos: Fox Ct. Cur."

"This Indenture made and entered into this 27th day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen in the 39th year of the Commonwealth, between Moore F. Tomlin and Fany M his his wife of the County of Richmond and parish of Lunenburg of the one part, and Geo: M. Wright of the County of Westmoreland & parish of _____ of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Moore F Tomlin and Fanny his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said George M Wright the receipt whereof he the said Moore F Tomlin doth hereby acknowledge and him the said George M. Wright from the same doth acquit exonerate and discharge, Have bargained and Sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell alien and confirm unto the said George M. Wright all and singular the Tract piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Richmond and parish of Northfarnham which he the Said Tomlin lately purchased from William Alderson Containing one hundred and eighty acres be the same more or less bounded and described as by the Deed from the said Alderson to the said Tomlin bearing date the 11th day of March last past of Record in the County Court of Richmond

will appear reference thereto being had, together with all and singular the rights, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Geo. M. Wright his heirs and assigns forever to have and to hold the said Tract piece or parcel of land, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances herein before mentioned and intended to be hereby bargained and Sold unto the said Geo. M. Wright his heirs and assigns to his and their only proper use and behoof, and to no other use, whatever forever - and the said Moore T. Tomlin and Fanny M. his wife for themselves, and their heirs do hereby covenant promise & agree to and with the said Geo. M. Wright and his heirs that they the Tomlin & Fanny M. his wife the said Tract piece or parcel of land with the Tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging to him the said Geo: M. Wright his heirs, Exors. admors & assigns shall and will from time to time and at all times forever hereafter, against the claim and demand of them the said Tomlin and Fanny his wife and their heirs and against the Claim of all other persons whatsoever, warrant and for ever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Moore F. Tomlin & Fanny M. his wife have hereunto set their hands & affixed their Seals the day and year aforesaid.

Signed Sealed & acknowl-)	Moore F. Tomlin
edged in the presence of)	Fanny M. Tomlin
John Burke	
Matilda F Levy	
Vin: Bramham	
Jere: Garland	

Recd. the day of the date of the aforesaid Indenture of the within named George M. Wright the sum of one Thousand eight hundred dollars, the consideration money in full for the land & appurtenances conveyed by the said Deed.

Witnesses	Moore F. Tomlin
Matilda F Levy	
Vin: Branham	
Jere: Garland	

Richmond County to wit

We Vincent Bramham and Jeremiah Garland Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Fanny M. Tomlin the wife of Moore F Tomlin parties to Certain deed for the conveyance of Real Estate to Geo. M. Wright bearing date the 27th day of April 1815 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Fanny M. acknowledged the same to be her act and Deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed & delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it

Given under our hands and Seals this 27th day of Apl. 1815.

Vin: Bramham

Jere: Garland

At a Court of quarterly Sessions held for the County of Richmond the Sixth day of November 1815.

This Deed of Bargain and Sale from Moore T. Tomlin and Fanny M his wife of the one part, to George M. Wright of the other part with the Receipt thereon Indorsed, was proved in open Court by the Oath of Vincent Bramham, John Burke, and Jeremiah Garland, three of the witnesses to the same subscribed, and admitted to record. The Certificate annexed for the acknowledgment and Privy Examination of the said Fanny M. being returned according to Law, was also admitted to record.

Teste,
Geo. Saunders CRC"

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on March 4, 1816, with John Wright, who was over age 16, and with Robert McGuy, a free mulatto, in his household and with 3 slaves over age 12 and 2 horses. As confirmed below, the John Wright of this listing was George M. Wright's brother John M. Wright.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on March 17, 1817, with John Wright as a tithable in his household and with 4 slaves over age 12 and 2 horses.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on February 2, 1818, with John M. Wright as a tithable in his household and with 3 slaves over age 12 and 2 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on February 13, 1819, with John M. Wright as a tithable in his household and with 3 slaves over age 12 and 2 horses.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on March 9, 1820, without John M. Wright as a tithable in his household but with Chester F. Black as a tithable in his household and with 3 slaves over age 16 and 2 horses and 1 free negro, who was probably Chester F. Black.

The 1820 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright with

the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
George M. Wright	1	45+	3	26-45	
	1	26-45	1	16-26	
			2	10-16	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
4			1	45+
			1	14-26
			1	0-14

<u>Slaves Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other Persons</u>
2	26-45					
3	0-14					

This record indicates that George M. Wright was probably the second oldest male in the household and was born between 1775 and 1794.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified George M. Wright as a son of Presley Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

. . . .

Your complainants further shew that the said George M Wright by deed bearing date the 2d day of March 1812 conveyed all his right in the said tract of land to the said Richard Wright -

...."

On September 29, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed George M. Wright as guardian of Washington Wright, Presley Wright, Hannah R. Wright, Eliza Wright, and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

"Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery held in the Town of Fredericksburg on the 29" day of September, 1821

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs
against	
Washington Wright, Presley Wright, & Hannah R. Wright, infant	
children & heirs at law of Richard Wright, deceased, Eliza Wright	
& Fanny Wright infants, Peter P. C. Straughan & other	defendants

On the motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the court doth appoint George M. Wright guardian of the infant defendants Washington, Presley, Hannah R., Eliza and Fanny Wright, for the purpose of defending them in this suit.

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C."

On April 20, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, George M. Wright swore that Richard Wright died in March 1821:

"Richmond County to wit: George M Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County & made Oath that Richard Wright died about the month of March 1821

Given under my hand this 20 day of Aprl 1821

Wm. D. MCCarty J.P."

On April 25, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, George M. Wright, John M. Wright, and Salley E. Wright filed their answer to the complaint and identified their grandfather as 1776 Francis Wright and their father as 1809 Presley Wright:

"The answer of George M. Wright, John M Wright & Salley E. Wright separately to a Bill exhibited in in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district by Bennedict Wright & others against Richard Wright & others

These defendants saving & reserving to themselves all & all benefit of exception now & here after to to the many untruths errors uncertainties & imperfections in the said Bill contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as they are advised is material for them to answer these defts answer & say, That Francis Wright was the father of Presley their father & father & grandfather of the Complt as is set forth in the Bill they state that the Will of Frances aforesaid was admitted to record in Westmoreland county on the 26 March 1776 as is shewn by the Complt, some time before the act docking entails was in force - It is correctly stated by the Complt that Presley their father was thereupon by his Guardian & afterwards by himself & since his death by the defts to the Bill or their alienees in quiet & undisturbed possession of the land spoken of - By a copy of the deed hereto annexed & prayed to be taken as part of this answer marked A there seems to have been but 123 acres of land Whether the said Presley had other right than is exhibited by the papers of the Coplts or these defts cannot be ascertained at this time - But much is to be presumed from the following facts -

1st. The said Frances Wright died before the revolution commenced

2ndly. His eldest son Presley was in possession on those claiming under him for 45 years and the complainants or their fathers or mothers were but a little younger & lived in the same neighborhood with the said Presley.

3rdly. That one of the Complt William Wright was one of the commissioners under an order of the County Court of Westmoreland who acted in dividing the land now claimed & particularly advised George M Wright one of these defts to purchase of Ellen Smith the interest which she had obtained from some of the distributees of said Presley

4thly It is no where not by any person contended or pretended that Presley was equally a favorite with Frances Wright; and that this land must have been derived to Presley from sources probably independent of his father For in the Will of Frances, Presley is not mentioned unless indeed by the residuary clause of said Will

5thly The summons to contest the will of Frances by the heir at law Presley seems not to have been acted upon at all - The pretended renewal of the recordation of the Will of Frances seems to have bourne along with it, some things not easily to be understood, without a reference of it, being had to unfairness or at the least a singular in possibility - that is, the will of Frances upon the motion of Frances (the testator) was admitted to record &c

6thly These defts also state that the Westmoreland County Office has been

burnt down together with many of its valuable records, at which time these defts cannot say - They however must distrust the title now set up, & deny that the Complts have any right or claim thereto - Many years have rolled along & with them has the father Presley Wright of these defts dropped into the grave - whilst he lived, altho in the same neighbourhood no mention of title was then made - But recently 12 ot 13 years after his death even after the division of said land claimed, & one of the complainants having acted therein a suit is instituted in this honble court against the defts, and too, after a lapse of many years & after too successive alienations

And these defts have answered pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf most wrongfully expended &c

Richmond County to wit: George M. Wright, John M. Wright & Sally E Wright made Oath to the truth of the matters contained in their answer so far as they depend upon their own knowledge & where they rest upon the information of others they believe to be true

Given under my hand this 25th of April 1821 before a Justice of peace for said County

Wm W Cash
Jno. B. Jeffries”

This record identifies George M. Wright as a son of 1809 Presley Wright and grandson of 1776 Francis Wright.

On July 1, 1823, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 21/514 George M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Edward J. Northen to secure a debt due to Fleet B. Plummer.

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including George M. Wright:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife	Plts
vs	
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by George M Wright assigned their guardian	Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas

Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eights of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated"

On September 10, 1825, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 22/100, George M. Wright conveyed to his wife Catherine M. P. Wright and his children Alexander Wright, Elizabeth M. Wright, Mary Ann F. Wright, and Emily M. Wright and any future children he might have the 180 acres of land purchased by Richmond County Deed 20/123:

"This Indenture this 10th day of September 1825 between George M Wright of Richmond County of the one part and Catharine M P Wright, Alexander Wright, Elizabeth M. Wright, Mary Ann F. Wright & Emily M Wright and the future increase of the bodies of the said George M Wright & the said Catharine M. P. Wright of the othe part Witnesseth that the said George M Wright, as well for and in Consideration of the natural love & affection which he hath & beareth unto the said Catharine M. P. his Wife & Alexander Wright Elizabeth M Wright, Mary Ann F Wright & Emily M Wright his children, and also for the better support maintenance, livelihood & preferment of all, hath Given, Granted, aliened, enfeoffed & confirmed and by these presents do grant, Give, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Catharine M. P. Wright, Alexander Wright their heirs &

assigns, all that tract or parcel of land being situate & lying in the County of Richmond near Farnham Church, adjoining the lands of Edwd Saunders, B. M Tomblin, Wm. D McCarty, Jas. Shepherd & Thomas Sydnor & which was heretofore occupied by a certain William Alderson containing One hundred & Eighty acres more or less together with all and singular the Reversion & reversions, Remainder and remainders Yearly and other rents, issues, profits, thereof and every part and parcel thereof: and also my slaves Bill, Lydea, Becky, Hannah, Esther, Maria, Rose, and Nancy, and their future increase; also all my household and Kitchen furniture; plantation Utensils, stocks of horses, cattle & hogs together with their future increase: To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land, with the tenements, hereditaments and all & singular, other the premises hereby granted & conveyed or mentioned or intended to be hereby to be conveyed, as also the said slaves, goods, chattels & stocks & their future increase, with their & every of the appurtenances of the sd. land unto the said Catharine M. P. Wright, Alexander Wright, Elizabeth M. Wright Mary Ann F Wright & Emily M. Wright and my future children to the only use proper and behoof of the said Conveyers their heirs and assigns forever - and the said George M Wright for himself his heirs &c doth covenant, grant and agree to & with the sd Catharine M P., Alexander, Elizabeth M. Wright Mary Ann F Wright & Emily M Wright their heirs and assigns, that they their heirs and assigns shall & lawfully may enter from time to time, and at all times hereafter peaceably, and quietly have, hold, use occupy, possess & enjoy the said Real & personal estate hereby granted & confirmed with their & every of their appurtenances, free clear & fully discharged & sufficiently, saved Kept harmless and indemnified of & from & against all former Gifts, grants bargains &c and from the claims of all persons lawfully claiming or to claim under him the said George M Wright. As Witness my hand & seal the Day & year first above Written,

Signed sealed and deli-	)	G. M. Wright
vered In presence of (3))	
Richd. B Plummer)	
Ben C. Plummer)	
Albert G Plummer)	

Richmond County court clerks office the 12th day of September 1825.

This Indenture between George M Wright of the one part, and Catharine M. P. Wright, Alexander Wright Elizabeth M Wright Mary Ann F Wright & Emily M Wright and the future increase of the Bodies of the said George M. Wright and the said Catharine M P. Wright of the other part, was acknowledged by the said George M Wright and admitted to Record

Teste,
Geo. Saunders CRC"

This record identifies the family of George M. Wright as follows:

Wife: Catherine M. P. Wright

Children: Alexander Wright,
Elizabeth M Wright,
Mary Ann F Wright, and
Emily M Wright.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed George M. Wright as a son of Presley Wright.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified George M. Wright as her brother:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny
....”

The 1830 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>		<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u> <u>Age</u>		<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u> <u>Age</u>	
George M Wright		1	40-50	1	30-40
		1	5-10	2	10-15
		2	0-5	2	0-5

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	55-100	1	55-100				
		1	34-55				
		4	0-10				

White Persons included in the foregoing					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized</u>

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Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

<u>Deaf & Dumb under 14</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>
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This record indicates that George M. Wright was born between 1780 and 1790 and that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born between 1790 and 1800.

On October 20, 1834, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 28/194, George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright conveyed to Robert M. Tomlin certain land pursuant to a decree of the chancery court to replace the deed lost by Robert's deceased father:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this twentieth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four. Between, George M Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright his wife, of the County of Richmond and State of Virginia, of the one part, and Robert M. Tomlin of Nottingham in the County of Prince George and State of Maryland, of the other part. Whereas, by a decree of the Hon'ble the Superior Court of Law and Chancery holden for the county of Richmond aforesaid on the seventeenth day of April in the year before mentioned, it was decreed and ordered, in a chancery suit between the said Robert M. Tomlin, plaintiff, and the said George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. his wife, defendants, that the said defendant should execute a deed of conveyance, according to the directions of the said decree, to the said plaintiff, for the land herein after mentioned and herein and hereby conveyed, or intended so to be; as from the said decree reference thereto being had, more fully and at large will appear: Now therefore, in obedience to the said decree, and in pursuance thereof, This Indenture Witnesseth, that Whereas the said George M Wright and Catherine M P Wright his wife, for a valuable and valid consideration, conveyed, by deed, to Moore F. Tomlin, in his life time a tract or parcel of land, with the appurtenances, called and known by the name of Hagues, lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia; and whereas the said deed to the said Moore F. Tomlin hath been lost or mislaid, and cannot be found, as is alleged by the said Robert M. Tomlin; and whereas the said Moore F. Tomlin hath departed this life since the execution of the deed to him made as

aforementioned, and, in the division of the lands which were of him the said Moore F. Tomlin, the said tract called Hagues' hath been allotted to the said Robert M. Tomlin, who is a son of the said Moore F. Tomlin; They the said George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright his wife, for and in consideration of the premises, do, and each of them doth, for themselves and their heirs, remise, release, and altogether from them and their heirs quit claim, and also ratify approve, and confirm, unto the said Robert M. Tomlin, his heirs, and assigns all that tract or parcel of land aforesaid, called and known by the name of Hagues, lying and being in the Said County of Westmoreland, together with all and singular the rights, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof. To Have and To Hold the said tract or parcel of land and its appurtenances unto the said Robert M. Tomlin, his heirs, and assigns, to his and their only proper use and behoof, forever. And the said George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright his wife, for themselves and their heirs, do hereby covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said Robert M. Tomlin and his heirs, that they, the said George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. his wife, the said tract or parcel of land, with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging, to him the said Robert M. Tomlin, his heirs, and assigns, from time to time and at all times hereafter, against the claim and demand of them the said George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. his wife and their heirs, and against the claim of all other persons whomsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend, by these presents. In Witness whereof, the said George M Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright hereunto set their hands and affix their Seals, the day and year above first written.

Signed, sealed, and) G. M. Wright
delivered, in presence of) Catherine M. Wright

Richmond County to wit:

We William D. McCarty and Joseph Palmer Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Catherine M. P. Wright, the wife of George M. Wright, parties to the foregoing deed, which bears date the twentieth day of October, in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid; and being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband, and having the ded aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Catherine M. P. Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals, this 20th day of Octr. 1834.

Wm. D. McCarty
Jos: Palmer

Richmond County to wit:

We William D. McCarty and Joseph Palmer justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that George M. Wright & Catherine M. P. Wright parties to this Deed, hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, & desired us to Certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the Court of Westmoreland County in Order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & Seals this 20th October 1834.

Wm. D. McCarty
Jos. Palmer

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery continued and held for Richmond County, at the Court House, on Tuesday the 21st October 1834.

Robert M. Tomlin Plt. vs. George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. his wife defts. In Chancery - This Cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read and a deed now here exhibited executed by the defendants to the plaintiff with the privy examination of the feme certified thereon and the certificate of Wm C. McCarty & Joseph Palmer justices of the peace for Richmond County that the same had been acknowledged by the said Geo: M. Wright & Catherine M. P. Wright to be their act and deed and that they, the said George M. & Catherine M. P. had desired the said justices to Certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of Westmoreland County Court in Order that the said deed might be recorded, to which deed no objections were made. It is therefore decreed and ordered that the said deed of conveyance be accordingly allowed to be recorded and that the same be delivered after recordation to the plaintiff. And it is further decreed & Ordered that the plaintiff pay to the defendant their costs by them about their Suit in this behalf expended.

A Copy
Teste,
Geo: Saunders C.C.

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 27th day of October 1834.

This Deed from George M. Wright and Catherine M. P. his wife to Robert M. Tomlin, was this day presented in my Office, and together with the Certificates of acknowledgment and privy examination thereunder written, and decree thereto appended, admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.W.C.

Recorded and Examined this 4th day of November 1834.

Teste,
William Hutt C.W.C."

On November 14, 1834, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/17,
George M. Wright and Catherine Wright sold to George Sydnor all of their interest in the
land of Frances Wright which was allotted to Frances Wright from the estate of her
father Presley Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into the 14th day of November in the year of
Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Between George M. Wright
and Catherine his wife of the one part of the County of Richmond, and George
Sydnor of the County of Westmoreland of the other part Witnesseth that the said
George M Wright and Catherine his wife for and in consideration of the sum of
Twenty dollars to the said George M. Wright in hand paid by the said Sydnor at
and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the
said George and Catherine his wife do hereby acknowledge, have granted,
bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and Sell unto the
said George Sydnor all the interest right, title or claim whatsoever in that piece or
parcel of land which was allotted to Francis Wright, in the division of the Estate
of Presley Wright decd. among the distribution of said Presley situate in the
County of Westmoreland and adjoining the lot of Eliza Sydnor formerly Eliza
Wright and bounded by other Lots belonging to the distributees of Said Presley
Wright decd - To have and To hold the said land with the appurtenances unto
him the said George Sydnor his heirs & assigns forever. And the said George M.
Wright and Catherine his wife, for themselves their and each of their heirs
Executors and Admors. do covenant to and with the said George Sydnor his
heirs and assigns, that they the said George and Catherine his wife have a good
sure and absolute title in one fourth part of the said lot or parcel of land which
was allotted to the said Francis Wright in the division of Her Fathers estate and
of which the said Francis died seized and that they the said George M. Wright &
Catherine his wife their and each of their Heirs, Exors. &c shall and will from time
to time and at all times warrant and defend the title thereof to the said George
Sydnor his heirs & assigns against the claim or claims of them the said George &
Catherine his wife their or either of their heirs and against the claim or claims of
all other persons Whatsoever. In Witness whereof the parties to these have
hereto set their hands and affixed their seals.

Witness
William Middleton
Bendt. Walker
Richd. Sydnor

G. M. Wright
Catherine M Wright

Westmoreland County to wit:

We William Middleton & Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County
aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that George M. Wright &
Catherine Wright, parties to the foregoing deed bearing date on the 14th day of
November, Eighteen hundred and thirty four and hereto annexed personally
appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be

their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in Order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & Seals this 14th day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty four

Wm Middleton
Bendt. Walker

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 28th day of December 1835.

This deed from George M. Wright and wife to George Sydnor was this day presented in my Office, and with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed, admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt, C.W.C.

Recorded and Examined the 1st day of January, 1836.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

This record indicates that George M. Wright was an heir of Frances Wright who was an heir and daughter of Presley Wright and confirms that George M. Wright was a son of Presley Wright.

On April 10, 1839, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 25/58, and pursuant to a decree of the chancery court, George M. Wright and his wife and children sold to Thomas Oldham the 180 acres of land purchased by Richmond Deed 20/123:

"This Indenture made this 10th day of April 1839 Between George M Wright and Catherine M P his wife, and George N Alderson (Commissioner appointed by Richmond County Court) of the one part, and Thomas Oldham of the other part: Witnesseth: That whereas by a certain cause in the County Court of Richmond in which George M. Wright father and natural Guardian of Alexander Wright, Mary A. F. Wright, Emily M. Wright, John M Wright, George H. Wright, Sarah E Wright, Andrew Wright, the said Alexander Wright and Mary A. F. Wright Emily M. Wright infants over the age of 14 years; and John M Wright, George H Wright, Sarah E Wright and Andrew Wright under the age of 14 years by Richard G Northen Guardian ad litem appointed by Court, and Catherine M. P. Wright plaintiffs & Defendants therein a decree was entered on the 7th January 1839 to the effect following - This cause coming on to be heard by Consent of parties on the Bill, answers of the Defts, exhibits and the examination of witnesses, was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof this Court being of opinion that it is for the benefit of the infant Defendants, and Catherine M. P. Wright the wife of the sd George M Wright, that the tract of land lying near

Farnham Church containing about 180 acres now in the possession of the said parties referred to in the said Bill by deed apart of said Bill dated the 10th of September 1825 belonging to the said Infants & their mother aforesaid, Doth order, adjudge & decree, that George N Alderson, who is hereby appointed Commissioner for that purpose, do after advertising the same for four weeks in some paper published in the Town of Fredericksburg or in the City of Richmond, expose to sale the said tract of land: or if he shall Consider that Twelve hundred and fifty dollars offered for said land be a full and fair price, he may close the bargain for the sale thereof. Cash to be paid for the expences of sale and Costs: and for the debts due to Thomas J Meredith, Thomas Oldham and others - The residue to be loaned, taking from the borrower, purchaser or purchasers, Bond with good security, and a deed of Trust upon the premises to secure the payment of the residue of the purchase money - the interest thereof to be annually paid to the said George M Wright Gdn of the said infants or to the said Catherine M. P. Wright the mother, and one of the cestui que trust till the further order of this Court Touching the premises - Right is reserved herein to the parties or any of them from time to time to apply to this Court for any aid in the furtherance of their or either of their rights - The Court doth further order, for the better security of the Perchaser, that the said George M Wright, & Catherine M. P Wright do join the commissioner in the conveyance of the said tract of land, only the said George M Wright to give a general warranty - and the said commissioner is directed to report his proceedings herein to the Court, and whereas also the said George N Alderson acting as commissioner in pursuance of the decree aforesaid referred to upon due consideration and respecton of the premises in said decree mentioned, as well also by the testimony and opinion of others corroborating his judgment & opinion; he did decide & consider, that the said sum of Twelve hundred & fifty dollars was "a full & fair" price for the parcel or tract of land in the said Cause mentioned; and he did close the bargain & sale of the same with Thomas Oldham for that price.

Therefore they the said George M Wright and Catherine M. P. Wright his wife, and George N Alderson for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the U.S. to the said George N Alderson, commissioner as aforesd. in hand paid by the said Thomas Oldham, the receipt whereof they the said George M Wright, Catherine M. P. Wright and George N Alderson do hereby acknowledge have bargained, sold & conveyed & by these presents do bargain, sell and Convey unto the said Oldham his heirs and assigns, the certain tract or parcel of land in the said cause mentioned, lying & being in the County of Richmond near Farnham Church Cotermious with the lands Christopher Ficklin, Tho: Sydnors estate and Edward S. Saunders & others Containing one hundred & eighty acres be the same more or less, which said tract or parcel of land was duly conveyed by deed bearing date the 10th September 1825 by George M Wright to his wife & children which deed is recorded in Richmond County Court, to which deed & for the proceedings in the suit before referred, reference may be had for further particulars. The said tract or parcel of land To have & to hold with the appurtenances thereto belonging to him the said Thomas Oldham his heirs and assigns, and to the only proper use

and behoof of the said Thomas Oldham, his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said George M Wright for himself his heirs, exors & admors, doth hereby covenant to & with the said Thomas Oldham his heirs and assigns, that he the said George M Wright and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances, unto him the said Thomas Oldham his heirs and assigns, against him the said George M Wright and his heirs and against all persons whomsoever, shall & will by these presents forever defend -

The said George N Alderson conveys the said tract or parcel of land as Commissioner appointed by the Court; and therefore doth not bind himself & his heirs for the title of the same; but that he nor they shall ever set up any claim to the same.

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have signed their names and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered)	G. M. Wright
in the presence of us)	Catherine M. P. Wright
G. B. Burch	George N Alderson Com
J. H. Shackelford	
Benedict Hammock	

Virginia

At a Court of Monthly session held for Richmond County, at the Court house on monday the 7th day of October 1839.

This Deed of bargain and sale from George M Wright, and Catharine M. P. his wife, and George N Alderson commissioner &c. to Thomas Oldham, was this day presented proved by the oaths of Gibson P Burch and James H Shackelford, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Ordered to lie for further proof - And in the clerks office of the said County on the 19th day of October 1839, the said deed was further proved by the oath of Benedict Hammock another subscribing witness thereto, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jno F B Jeffries Cl"

This record in conjunction with Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 22/100 identifies the family of George M. Wright as follows:

Wife: Catherine M. P. Wright

Children:

- 1) Alexander Wright, born after April 10, 1818 and before September 10, 1825,
- 2) Elizabeth M Wright, born after April 10, 1818 and before September 10, 1825,
- 3) Mary Ann F Wright, born after April 10, 1818 and before September 10, 1825,
- 4) Emily M Wright, born after September 10, 1825, and before April 10, 1839,
- 5) John M Wright, born after September 10, 1825, and before April 10, 1839,
- 6) George H. Wright, born after September 10, 1825, and before April 10, 1839,
- 7) Sarah E Wright, born after September 10, 1825, and before April 10, 1839, and
- 8) Andrew Wright, born after September 10, 1825, and before April 10, 1839.

The 1840 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George Wright with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>		<u>Free White Persons Males</u>		<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Persons Females</u>		<u>Age</u>
George Wright		1		50-60	1		40-50
		1		15-20	1		15-20
		2		10-15	1		10-15
		1		5-10	1		5-10
<u>Free Colored Persons Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Persons Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	10-24					2	10-24

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
12		4				

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>				
<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>			
		<u>No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>			

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In- sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>				
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>	<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

<u>Schools, &c.</u>						
<u>Univer- sities or College</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Acade- mies & Grammar Schools</u>	<u>No. of Scholars</u>	<u>Primary and Common Schools</u>	<u>No. of Scholars</u>	<u>No. of Scholars at public charge</u>

No. of white persons over 90 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that George M. Wright was born between 1780 and 1790 and that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born between 1790 and 1800.

On February 24, 1842, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 25/376, George M. Wright, as trustee, sold to Alexander Bryant land known as the Poplars.

In his letter dated August 11, 2006, Thad Tatum enclosed a copy of the 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, which listed George M. Wright on March 4, 1844, with Alexander M. Wright and John M. Wright as tithables in his household.

In his letter dated August 11, 2006, Thad Tatum enclosed a copy of the 1845

Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, which listed George M. Wright with John M. Wright as a tithable in his household.

On July 18, 1849, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.B. 27/419, Catharine M. P. Wright and her children Mary A. F., Alexander M., Emily M., John M., Hamilton G., Sarah E., and Andrew Wright purchased from William C. and Virginia Oldham 200 acres of land known as Coxes and Gourds:

"This Indenture made the 18th day of July 1849 Between William C Oldham and Virginia his wife of the one part and Catharine M P. Wright and her children Mary A. F. Alexander M. Emily M. John M Hamilton G. Sarah E and Andrew Wright of the other part, all of the County of Richmond and State of Virginia: Witnesseth: That the said William C. Oldham and Virginia his wife in Consideration of One Thousand Dollars of lawful money of the Commonwealth of Virginia - secured to be paid to the said William C Oldham his exors admors or assigns by the said Catharine M P. Wright and others, Have bargained and sold and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said Catharine M P Wright, and her children aforesaid their heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of land and premises being a part of the tract of land Known by the name of Coxes and Gourds lying & being in the County of Richmond & State of Virginia, supposed to contain Two Hundred Acres be the same more or less adjoining the land of Robert B Neasome, Wm Webb, Sally Critcher & others Beginning at a Corner red Oak on the S.E. side of the road leading from Farnham Church to Oldhams Mill, with the land of Robert B Neasome, thence with said Neasoms land to the swamp to the line of Wm Webb thence up said swamp with the land of said Webb to a corner Ash tree in the line of said Webb where the line is to commence which divides this land from the other portion of said Oldhams land (near an old bridge) in the branch which makes dower from Sally Critchers spring thence a North easterly Course up said branch by sundry Marked trees to the land of Farnham Church property (called Sallys) thence a south westerly course up a valley & Hill with said land last mentioned by sundry marked trees to the line of Sally Critcher, thence with her line to a corner stone on the Northwest side of said main road before mentioned, at the corner of Robert C Wooddys land thence along said main road to the Beginning, with all and singular the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining To Have And To Hold the said land & premises herein before mentioned unto the said Catharine M. P. Wright, and here children hereinbefore mentioned, their heirs and assigns forever. And the said William C Oldham and Virginia his wife for themselves and their heirs, the said land before mentioned or intended to be sold unto the said Catharine M P. Wright and her children herein before mentioned their heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of them the said William C Oldham & Virginia his wife And of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall will and do warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said William C Oldham and Virginia his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first above written.

Wm C Oldham
Virginia Oldham

Richmond County Sc

We Chas W Smith and Richd A Payne Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby Certify that Virginia the wife of Wm C Oldham parties to a certain Deed bearing date on the 18th day of July 1849 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of July 1849

Chas W Smith
Richd A Payne

Clerks Office of Richmond County Court the 6' day of August 1849

This Deed of bargain and sale from Wm C Oldham and Virginia his wife to Catharine M P Wright and her children, was this day presented, acknowledged before me in my office aforesaid by the said Wm C Oldham, and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste,
J. S. Jeffries CC"

The 1850 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright with the following household on August 10, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
George M. Wright	63	M		Farmer	\$1000
Catharine A. M Wright	56	F			
Hamilton Wright	20	M			
Sarah E. Wright	17	F			
Andrew Wright	15	M			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
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This record indicates that George M. Wright was born in about 1787 in Westmoreland County and that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born in about 1794 in Westmoreland County.

On January 6, 1851, at War of 1812 Pension File BLW 44692-120, George M. Wright filed his declaration for bounty land by reason of his service in the War of 1812:

"State of Virginia County of Richmond ss.

On this 6th day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid George M. Wright aged 64 years, a resident of Richmond County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the identical George M. Wright who was a Captain in the 111th Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Richard E. Parker in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States 18 of June 1812 that he was Drafted at Westmoreland C.H on or about the 1st day of July A.D. 1814 the term of Service indefinate and continued in actual service in said war for the term of Sixty five days and was honorably discharged at Falmouth Va on the 26th day of September A.D. 1814, as will appear by the muster rolls of my company. He further states he performed two tours of Service as Captain under Colonel Richard E. Parker in the year 1813 and ensuing to about twenty two days as will appear by his muster rolls.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," passed September 28th, 1850.

G. M. Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written. And I hereby certify, that I believe the said George M Wright to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated

John W. Belfield JP

State of Virginia)
County of Richmond) ss.

I, Francis W Pendleton Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do hereby certify, that John W. Belfield whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of subscribing the same a Justice, duly commissioned and sworn in the County aforesaid, and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County Court of Richmond, at the Courthouse of said County, this 13th day of January 1851.

F. W. Pendleton Clk”

This record indicates that George M. Wright was born in about 1787 and that he served as a Captain in the 111th Regiment of Virginia Militia.

On March 29, 1855, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 2246, Catharine M. P. Wright filed her declaration for bounty land in right of her deceased husband’s service in the War of 1812:

"Declaration for Widow of a Deceased Office or Soldier, Act 1855.

State of Virginia,)
County of Richmond) ss.

On this twenty-ninth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me, William E. Hill a justice of the peace duly authorized to administer oaths, within and for the County and State aforesaid Catharine M. P. Wright aged sixty years, a resident of Richmond County in the State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of George M. Wright deceased, who was a Captain in the 111th Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Col. Richard E. Parker in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the eighteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and twelve.

She further declares that she was married to said George M. Wright in the County of Westmoreland on the 24th day of March A.D. 1813 by one Reverend Samuel Templeman a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before marriage was Catharine M. P. Sandford that her said husband died in Richmond County on the 27th day of January A.D. 1855 and that she is still a widow.

She further declares that her husband has heretofore made application for bounty land under the act approved September 28, 1850, and obtained a land warrant for 40 acres No. she does not remember which he has legally disposed of, and it cannot now be returned. She refers to said declaration for evidence of her husband’s service.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 3, 1855.

Catharine M P Wright

We, George H. Wright and Andrew Wright residents of Richmond County in the State of Virginia, upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Catharine M. P. Wright in our presence, and that we believe, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that we are acquainted with the applicant, and that she is now a widow.

G Hamilton Wright
Andrew Wright

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be and that I have no interest in this claim.

Wm. E. Hill JP

State of Virginia)
County of Richmond) ss.

I F W Pendleton Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the state aforesaid do Certify that William E. Hill whose genuine signature appears to the annexed Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same a Justice of the said County duly Commissioned and sworn and that full faith and Credit are due to his official act, and that the said Court _____ one of record having general jurisdiction

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of Office at the Court House of said County this 2d day of April 1855

F W Pendleton”

This record indicates that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born in about 1795, that she married George M. Wright on March 24, 1813, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and that George M. Wright died on January 27, 1855, in Richmond County, Virginia.

The marriage record of Andrew Wright and Cornelia Elizabeth (Perry) Wright dated on November 28, 1857, at Essex County, Virginia, listed his parents as George M. Wright and Catharine P. Sanford. This record in conjunction with the will of

Augustine Moxley confirms the identity of the wife of George M. Wright as Catharine A. Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright.

The 1860 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed C. M. P. Wright in the Larrus Connus household on August 25, 1860, along with her son Andrew Wright:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Larrus Connus	45	M		Ditcher	
Elizabeth Connus	30	F		.	
James K. Connus	1	M		.	
C. M. P. Wright	66	F		.	
Andrew Wright	28	M		Farmer	
Cornelia Wright	23	F		.	
Henry S. Wright	2	M		.	
Columbia Newsom	8	F		.	

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
100	Ireland				
.	Ireland				
.	Ireland				
300	Virginia				
.	Virginia				
.	Virginia				
.	Virginia				

This record indicates that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born in about 1794.

The 1870 Census for Richmond County, Virginia, listed Catharine M. P. Wright with the following household on July 11, 1870:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Catharine M P Wright	75	F	W	Keeping House	\$325
Columbia Neasom	19	F	W	At home	
Mary A Neasom	15	F	W	At home	
Yates Elmore	12	M	W	Laborer	

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Born Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read</u>
	Virginia Virginia Virginia Virginia				
<u>Cannot Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote</u>		

This record indicates that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright was born in about 1875.

On June 21, 1871, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, Caty M. P. Wright filed her declaration for pension in right of the service of her deceased husband George M. Wright:

"War of 1812
Declaration of a Widow for Pension

State of Virginia)
County of Richmond) ss

On the 21st day of June A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy-one personally appeared before me, L. D. Warner Clerk, of the County Court, a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid, Caty M. R Wright, aged seventy six years, a resident of Farnham Township County of Richmond State of Virginia who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Geo. M. Wright (Captain), who served the full period of sixty days in the (1) Military service of the United States in the War of 1812, and who was the identical Geo. M. Wright (Captain) who (2) enrolled in Captain Geo M Wrights Company, one hundred & eleventh Regiment, Col Parker Brigade, on the 18th day of July 1814, and was honorably discharged at Fredericksburg Va on the 25th day of September, 1814; that (3) term of service two months & nine days, that she was married under the name of Caty M P. Sandford to said Geo M. Wright, on the twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1813, by Samuel Templeman, at the house of Edward Sandford, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that her said husband died at Farnham Church, on the twentieth day of January, 1855 and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did she or her said husband adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will support the

Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States, under the provisions of the act approved February 14, 1871, and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation R. W Downman of Washington D.C her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim, and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that her post office is at Farnham Church County of Richmond State of Virginia; that her domicile or place of abode is Farnham

Attest
R C Hammack
Thos R Shackleford"

Caty M. P. Wright, Applicant

On February 5, 1872, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, the Department of the Interior required further proof of the marriage of Catharine M. P. (Sandford) Wright and George M. Wright:

"Department of the Interior, Pension Office,
Washington, D.C., Febry 5", 1872

Sir:

In the claim of Caty M. P. Wright for a widow's pension, under act of February 14, 1871, No. 5229, proof of her marriage to the soldier prior to Febry 17" 1815 is required. You are informed that proof upon this point is of value in the following order:

1. A certified copy of a church or other public record.
1. An affidavit of the officiating clergyman or magistrate.
3. The testimony of two or more eye-witnesses of the ceremony.
4. The testimony of two or more eye-witnesses who know the parties to have lived together as husband and wife from the date of their alleged marriage, the witnesses stating the period during which they knew them thus to cohabit.

Before any of the lower classes of evidence can be accepted, it must be shown by competent testimony that none higher can be obtained.

Return this circular with the evidence.

Very respectfully,

R. W. Downman, Present"

On March 22, 1872, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, Samuel W. English and Lucy Y. Sandford testified to the marriage of Catharine M. P. (Sandford) and

George M. Wright:

"Township of Cople)
County of Westmoreland) To Wit
State of Virginia)

Personally appeared before me Saml. W English a Justice of the Peace for the Township of Cople County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia Richard Sanford and made oath in the due form of Law That He was present at the marriage of George M. Wright and Caty M P Sanford, in the said County of Westmoreland on the 24th day of March Eighteen Hundred and Thirteen (1813).

Given under my hand this the 22nd day of March 1872

Saml. W. English J.P.”

"Virginia Essex County to wit.

The affidavit of Lucy Y. Sandford, now residing in the said County in the State aforesaid, this affiant being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God says that she was present on the 24th day of March 1813, when the marriage of Mrs. George M Wright and Miss Caty M P Sandford was solemnized in the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia by a Minister or Clergyman of the Baptist Church or denomination, that the said George M Wright died many years ago, leaving the said Caty M P. who was Sandford his widow who is still alive that she knows that the said George M Wright served in the war of 1812, between Great Britain and the United States as then a soldier in the ranks or as an Officer but which she does not now know or recollect and further this affiant saith not

Lucy Y. Sandford

Subscribed and Sworn to before a Justice of the Peace for the said County in the State aforesaid this 31st day of May 1872

H. W. Latane JP

State of Virginia - Essex County to wit

I, James Ray Miner(?), Clerk of the County Court of Essex County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that H. W Latame before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, and whose name is signed to the above Certificate is, and was, at the time of taking the said affidavit and signing his name as aforesaid a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, duly elected and qualified”

On July 15, 1872, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, a pension was

awarded to Catharine M. P. (Sandford) Wright:

"War of 1812

Act of February 14, 1871

Brief of Claim for a Widow's Pension in the case of Caty M. P. Wright, widow of George M. Wright, as Captain of Colonel Parker Reg't, Virginia Mil. Residence, Richmond Co. Virginia Post Office address Farnham Church Richmond Co. Va. Soldier enlisted 20 July, 1814, Discharged 25 September 1814.

Declaration and identification in due form, filed 1" July, 1871

Service for Sixty Days Shown as Follows:

B. L. Div. reports service of George M. Wright in Col. Parker's Reg. as Captain from 20" July to 25 September 1814 Total service 68 days. Soldier died Janry, 1855, date and fact established by statement in declaration and evidence in B. L. Division. Warrant to Widow Continued widowhood since his death established by testimony of R. C. Hammock and and Thomas R. Shackleford. Marriage to soldier prior to February 17, 1815, established by statement in declaration and affidavits of two eye witnesses who give the same date as in declaration and as in B. L. Division papers, viz: 24" March 1813. Oath to support the Constitution of the United States subscribed. Non-receipt of pension declared. Loyalty established by affidavits of R. C. Hammock and Thomas R. Shackleford. Their credibility certified by Jacob Waly P.M.

Admitted 15' July 1872, to a pension of eight dollars per month, from February 14, 1871.

R. E. Redway, Examiner

Approved

R. W. Downman Ey, Present
A. W. Fisher, Reviewer"

The will of Catherine M. P. Wright was dated on October 20, 1867, probated on May 5, 1873, at Richmond County, Virginia, W.B. 11/683, and provided as follows:

"Know all men by these presents that I Catherine M P. Wright in the County of Richmond and State of Virginia being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will by me at any time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die sized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devide bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit.

First my will is that my funeral expences shall by my Executors hereinafter named be paid out of my perishable estate as soon after my decease as shell by

them be found convenient

Item: I give devise and bequeath to my son John M. Wright during his life the tract of land on which I now reside and named Box and Gourds Bounded as follows. By the lands of George Critchers heirs the land of William Webb's heirs and the land lying at the head of Varnham Creek owned by Barrett and others.

The said Tract of land shall not be Bound for any debt or debts contracted by the said John M. Wright prior to my making this my last will and testament, Neather shall it be bound for any debt or debts hereafter contracted by the said John M. Wright. But he the said John M. Wright shall have full and entire possession of the said tract of land during his natural life to act and do with the same as he may think best. And after the decease of my son John M. Wright I give and bequeath to my grandchildren the children of my son John M. Wright that may be hereafter lawfully born unto him and all that is now born the said tract of land Box and Gourds Bounded as aforesaid his widow should he leave one to have a child's intrust in the said tract of land during her natural life and at her Decease that intrust also to the Lawful born children of the said John M. Wright, said children to have and to hold the same to their use and behoof forever. Provided always nevertheless that the real estate Given by son John M. Wright to the wife and children of my son Alexander M Wright is not taken to pay debts contracted by the said John M. Wright prior to my making this will. For if the real estate given by my son John M. Wright to the wife and children of the said Alexander M Wright so Lawfully taken to pay my debt or debts contracted by the said John M. Wright prior to my making this will, I do revoke the demise in my said will contained to my son John M. Wright his wife Virginia S. Wright and their children and do give bequeath and devise the said tract of land named Box and goards Bounded as aforesaid to my son Alexander M Wright during his natural life and the said tract of land is not to be subject to any debt or debts that he the said Alexander M. Wright may have contracted or may hereafter contract. And after the decease of my son Alexander M. Wright It is my will that the said tract of land named and bounded as aforesaid shall go to the wife and children of my son Alexander M. Wright all the children that is now living or that may hereafter be laawfully born unto him. To have and to hold the same to them their use and behoof forever. All the rest and residue of my estate of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at my decease, I give devise and bequeath to be equally divided between and among all my children that may be living at the time of my decease. All of my children that is ded at the time of my decease and have left children which are my grandchildren they my grandchildren shall have their parents portion.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my said sons John M. Wright and Alexander M. Wright to be the executors of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof whereof I the said Catharine M. P. Wright have to this my Last Will and testament contained on One sheet of paper, I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twentieth day of October in the year of our lord

one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Catharine M. P. Wright as and for her Last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Signed sealed & delivered) C. M. P. Wright
in the presents of)
Ira E. Parry
Warrenton P. Critcher
Jas. C. Bryant

Virginia

At a County Court of Quarterly Session began and held for Richmond County at the Court House thereof on Monday the 5th day of May 1873.

A writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Catharine M. P. Wright was this day presented in Court and therein partly proved by the oath of James C. Bryant one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will and thereupon it is ordered by the Court that said Will lie till next term for further proof.

Teste,
L. D Warner clerk

Virginia

At a County Court of Monthly session began and held for Richmond County at the Court House thereof on Monday the 7th day of July 1873.

A paper writing purporting to be the Will of Catharine M. P. Wright decd which has been heretofore offered for probate and partly proved by the oath of James C Bryant one of the subscribing witnesss thereto, was this day presented in Court together with the commission thereto annexed for taking the attestation of Ira E. Perry a witness thereto, and the certificate under the hand and seal of W. W. Latimer of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, a Commissioner for the State of Virginia, of the execution of the said Commission, and thereupon the said certificate being seen and inspected by the Court, it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as the true last Will and testament of the said Catharine M. P. Wright deceased.

Teste,
L. D. Warner clerk"

On February 24, 1891, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, Andrew Wright, a son of George M. Wright and Catharine M. P. (Sandford) Wright, wrote to inquire

whether there were any amounts due under the pension granted to Catharine M. P. (Sandford) Wright:

"Dear friend I drop you a few lines for Information as to Wether There was anything due my mother on her pention given her In Behalf of her husband Capt George M. Wright who served During the hole war of 1812 My father was from Wesmoreland County and served under the name of hunglefoot to the Best of my knowledge My Mother drew Eight dollars pr month for Just a Short time Before her death I am the Only son living of George M. Wright and Catharine M. P. Wright his wife who died in April 1873 I am now in My Three score years and In feeble health and shall not want any Thing long should there Be Any thing due my Poor Mother at her death I Would Be very glad of It Should it be Ever so Small I Am not able to work for my living if there was any Thing due her will you please Pay your self out of what there May Be My Mother was down some time Before her death I do not know what day of month She Received the last quarter Would not a Capts pay Be More Please Oblige and Old Man By Wrieing It is hard for the Children of the Old heads who Was In the war of 1812 to Suffer say a good Word for Me Yours very Respectfully

Andrew Wright

Son of Capt George M. Wright This feb 24 day 1891 Address Downings Post office Richmond Co. Va

PS This Can Be Proven as to My Self If Nessessary It may Be through you that the government Might do Something for Me and if you are Not Rewarded In this life you May In a world to Come A friend In Need is a friend In deed and angel Could do no More he that hath pity upon The Poor lendeth unto the Lord And that which he hath given Will he pay him again

AW"

This record indicates that Catharine Moxley Pope (Sanford) Wright had died in April 1873.

On April 18, 1891, at War of 1812 Pension File WC 3346, Andrew Wright wrote again to inquire whether there were any amounts due under the pension granted to Catharine M. P. (Sandford) Wright:

"Downings Post Office Va
April the 18/91

Friend From the Muster Roll of Capt George M Wrights Company of One hundreth And Eleventh Regiment Commanded By Leutenant Colonel E. Parker from the 18th July to the 25th September 1814 which I have Just gotton In your Circular 4 section 4736 to 4740 Revised Statutes Make Provision for Pensions to Soldiers of war 1812 And widows of such Soldiers Was not the Claimant Entitl

The lawful wife and widow of Capt George M. Wright who Died 1854 Entitle from 1854 Untill her Death 1873 which she Did Not Receiv any thing untill About 1872 I(was the Main stay of them Both untill Their Death She Died the Widow of Capt George M. Wright Which Can Be Proven thay Were married In 1813 Before Peace Feb 17, 1815 Capt George M. Wright Was honorably Discharge from service If Their Is any thing due I would Be very thankful of it Yours very Respectuly

Andrew Wright

1854 Death of Soldier
1873 Death of widow

Thay were Married March 24, Day 1813"

(II) 1821 Richard Wright, His Wife Polly Or Molly
(Attwell) Wright, And His Descendants

1821 Richard Wright was a son of 1809

Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis.
(1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

On March 2, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/254, Richard Wright purchased from George M. Wright all of George M. Wright's interest in the land lately owned and lived on by Presley Wright:

"Wright)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made this 2nd day of March Eighteen hundred and twelve. Between Richard Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and George M. Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said George M. Wright for and in consideration of the sum of 200 dollars to him in hand paid by the said Richard Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have granted bargain'd and Sold, and by these presents Do grant Sell Alien release and confirm unto him the said Richard Wright and his heirs forever, All the right, title, claim and Interest which he the said George M. Wright has or may have, to that Tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid whereon Presley Wright lately lived and of which he died Seized, be the same more or less. To have and to Hold the aforementioned premises or Tract of Land freed and Cleard from all right, title claim or demand either in Law or equity of him the said George M. Wright his heirs Executors or Assigns, or any person or persons claiming under him or through or by him, to the only proper use and behoof of him the

said Richard Wright and heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said George M. Wright has hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal this the day and date first above written.

Sign'd Seal'd & deliver'd)
in presence of)
Wm. Wright
Presly C. Wright
John Withers

Geo. M. Wright

Recd. March 1st 1812 of Richard Wright the within sum of Two hundred dollars in full.

Teste

Geo M. Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 23 day of March 1812. The foregoing Indenture of bargain and Sale and receipt thereon indors'd from George M. Wright to Richard Wright, were acknowledged in open Court, by the said George M. Wright, and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Jos: Fox Ct. Cur."

This record indicates that Richard Wright was of legal age to purchase land on March 2, 1812, and therefore, was born before March 2, 1791.

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Richard Wright and Polly Attwell on April 25, 1812, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"(Wright, Richard & Polly Attwell, dau. William Attwell, 25 Apr. 1812, William Middleton sec.)

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, also listed the marriage of Richard Wright and Polly Attwell on April 25, 1812, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	Richard Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	25 Apr 1812
Marriage Place	Westmoreland County, Virginia
Spouse	Polly Attwell
FHL Film Number	34336
Reference ID	p77"

The will of Molley Fleet Wright dated on May 8, 1812, and probated on July 27,

1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/292, listed Richard Wright as her brother:

"Wright Molley Fleet's Will)

In the name of god amen I Molley Fleet Wright of Cople parish and Westmoreland County, make ordain and establish this Instrument of writing as and for my last Will and Testament

. . . .

Item I give to my Brother Richard Wright all my Interest in all the Land belonging to my fathers Estate provided the said Richard Wright pays to his Sister Sary Ellen Wright one half the value of sd. Interest or dividend of Land to him and his Heirs forever.

. . . .

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said Brother Richard Wright Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this eighth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Molly Fleet Wright

. . . ."

The 1814 through 1817 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Richard Wright with 87 acres of land adjacent to William Wright, representing his own interest in the land of Presley Wright with the addition of the interest of George M. Wright.

On March 31, 1817, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 23/375, Richard Wright executed a deed of trust as to certain personal property to John S. Tapscott to secure a debt due to John Chandler & Company:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventeen Between Richard Wright of the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia of the one part and John S. Tapscott of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Richard Wright in order to secure the pay of the sum of thirty eight pounds eighteen shillings & 2/2d Current Money of Virginia to John Chandler & Co with Interest thereon from the date hereof till paid and also to secure to the said John Chandler & Co any other and all moneys that I may fall indebted to them said Chandler & Co for from and after the date of these presents with Interest thereon from the time of such advance and for and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to me in hand paid by the said John P. Tapscott the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Richard Wright hath granted bargained & Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & Sell unto the said John S. Tapscott his heirs and assigns the following property to wit, Two horses one Yoke Oxen, Five head Cattle and all my right title Interest, claim or demand in and to two

Negroes named Henry & Julia now in possession of Mrs. Jane Moe and which said negroes I purchased of John Straughan To Have & to Hold the said property herein before mentioned unto the said John S. Tapscott his heirs, executors administrators or assigns forever Upon Trust nevertheless that in case the said Richard Wright shall fail to pay to the said John Chandler & Co their heirs or assigns the before named sums of money as aforesaid on or before the 15th day of September eighteen hundred & eighteen that then and in such case the said John S. Tapscott shall as soon as conveniently he can after having advertized the time and place of such sale at Westmoreland C House thirty days previous to the day of such sale proceed to sell the said property or so much thereof to the highest bidder for ready cash as will be sufficient to pay the said John Chandler & Co the debt before mentioned with interest as aforesaid and all reasonable charges attending such sale - In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals the day & year above written

Interlined between the first	Richd Wright
and second lines on this side	John S Tapscott
before signed -	
Witness	
Henry Parker	
Robt Sandford	

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office 22nd September 1817

The foregoing Deed of Trust from Richd Wright to John S. Tapscott for the benefit of John Chandler & Co being proved by the oaths of Henry Parker & Robert Sandford the subscribing Witnesses thereto is admitted to record -

Teste
Jo Fox CWC"

On April 3, 1817, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 23/263, Richard Wright purchased from George and Elizabeth Smith 75 acres of land in Yeocomico Neck:

"This Indenture made this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen Between George Smith and Elizabeth Smith his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and Richard Wright of the county and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said George Smith and Elizabeth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars to them in hand paid by the said Richard Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said George Smith and Elizabeth his wife and for themselves and their heirs, doth acquit the said Richard Wright and his heirs forever have bargained and sold, confirmed and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell confirm and deliver unto him the said Richard Wright and his heirs forever all that tract or parcel of Land laying in Yeocomico Neck containing Seventy five acres, be the same more or less,

except the grave yard, binding on the Lands of Genl Alexander Parker, John S. Tapscott and Stephen Bailey decd. which the said tract or parcel of Land we the said George Smith and Elizabeth his wife do warrant and forever defend free from the claim or claims of ourselves, our heirs or any other person or persons whatsoever - In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written

Signed, sealed and delivered in the Presents of us)	George Smith		
Richd. Knott	Elizabeth	her X	Smith
Presly C. Wright		mark	
Jeremiah Smith			
Richd. Battin			

Received 3d day of April One thousand eight Hundred and seventeen, Eleven Hundred Dollars in full the within consideration

Witness George Smith

Westmoreland County to wit

We John Graham and Peter P. Cox Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Elizabeth Smith the wife of George Smith parties to the deed hereunto annexed for the conveyance of real estate to Richard Wright bearing date on the third day of April 1817 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesid fully Explained to her she the said Elizabeth Smith acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of April 1817

John Grayham
Peter P. Cox

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office 28th April 1817

The foregoing deed from George Smith and Elizabeth Smith his Wife to Richard Wright having been this day presented and acknowledged by the said George Smith is together with the certificate of privy examination of the said Elizabeth & receipt thereon indorsed admitted to record

Teste
Jos: Fox C.W.C"

On April 4, 1817, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 23/265, Richard Wright and his wife Polley or Molley Wright sold to George Smith all of Richard Wright's

interest in the land of his deceased father:

"This Indenture made this fourth day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen Between Richard Wright and Polley Wright his wife of the county of Westmoreland and state of Virginia of the one part, and George Smith of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said Richard Wright and Polly his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars to them in hand paid by the said George Smith the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, by the said Richard Wright and Polley his wife, and for themselves & their heirs, doth acquit the said George Smith and his heirs forever, Have bargained and sold confirmed and delivered and by these presents do bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said George Smith and his heirs forever. All the right, title, Interest and claim which we the said Richard Wright and Polly his wife have in the tract of Land which the said Richard Wrights father died possessed off which is three parts, which said tract of Land has never been divided in consequence whereof we the said Richard Wright and Polley his wife have conveyed their right and title of the said three parts of Land viz Richard Wrights, George M. Wrights, and Polley Wrights, as above stated unto the said George Smith and his heirs, or assigns forever, to Have and to Hold, the same and said Interest in the premisses forever, free from the claim or claims of ourselves our heirs & assigns, and all other persons claiming under us, or in any other wise whatsoever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above Written

signed sealed & deli-	)	Richd. Wright
vered in presence of us	)	Molley Wright
Richard Knott		
Presley C. Wright		
Jeremiah Smith		

Received 24th day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the Sum of Seven Hundred Dollars the within consideration in full

Witness Richd. Wright

Westmoreland county to wit

We John Murphy and Peter P Cox Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Molley Wright the wife of Richard Wright parties to the within Deed for the conveyance of real estate to George Smith bearing date on the fourth day of April 1817 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Molly Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of April 1817

Jno. Murphey
Peter P. Cox

Westmoreland County court Clerks Office 28th April 1817

The foregoing Deed from Richard Wright & Molly Wright his wife to George Smith having been presented and acknowledged by the said Richard Wright is together with the receipt thereon indorsed and certificate of the privy examination of the said Molley Wright admitted to record.

Teste
Jos. Fox C.W.C."

On September 10, 1817, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 23/319, Richard Wright executed his deed of trust to John Bailey as to the 90 acres of land on which he then lived to secure a debt of \$450 due to Peter P. Cox and Robert Bailey:

"This Indenture tripartite made and entered into this tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventeen between Richard Wright of the County of Westmoreland of the first part - John Bailey of the said County of the second part - And Peter P. Cox & Robert Bailey merchants and joint traders under the firm of Cox & Bailey also of the said County of the third part - Witnesseth: That whereas the said Wright is justly indebted to the said Cox & Bailey in the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof and the said Wright being desirous of security to the said Cox & Bailey, the payment of the same Now therefore these presents witness that the said Wright in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said John Bailey the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged - hath bargained and sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain and sell alien convey and confirm to the said John Bailey a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland aforesd. Whereon the said Richd Wright now resides being the land formerly owned by George Smith and bounded by the lands of John S. Tapscott Alexander Parker and Stephen Bailey - containing by estimation ninety Acres be the same more or less - to have and to hold the same with all and singular the appurtenances to him the said Bailey and his heirs forever. Upon this especial trust and condition & to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever that unless the said Wright shall pay or cause to be paid to the said Cox & Bailey the debt and Interest aforesd on or before the tenth day of September in the year eighteen hundred & eighteen. Then and in that case it shall be lawful for the said Bailey and he is hereby required after having given public notice by advertisement of the time & place of sale for the space of thirty days to proceed to sell at public auction upon the premises for cash the tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances hereby sold & conveyed and out of the proceeds thereof after having deducted the expences attending the sale to pay & satisfy to the said Cox & Bailey the debt aforesd & the balance if any pay over to the said Wright his heirs or assigns.

In Testimony whereof the said Wright hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day & date first above written

Sealed & delivered in) Richd Wright
presence of Witness)
Fleet Cox
Rich. J. Thompson
Jeremiah Smith

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office 27th October 1817

The foregoing Deed from Richard Wright to John Bailey for the benefit of Cox & Bailey being fully proved in the Office before the clerk by the subscribing Witnesses thereto is admitted to record.

Teste
Jo: Fox CWC"

The 1817 through 1819 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Richard Wright with 74 acres of land.

The 1820 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list Richard Wright, reflecting the sale of his interest in the land of Presley Wright by Westmoreland County Deed 23/265.

Richard Wright has not as yet been found in the 1820 Census.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which suit identified Richard Wright as a son of Presley Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

. . . .

Your complainants further shew that the said George M Wright by deed bearing

date the 2d day of March 1812 conveyed all his right in the said tract of land to the said Richard Wright -
.....”

On September 23, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed Richard Wright as guardian of Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holde in the town of Fredericksburg, on the 23rd day of September, 1820

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs.
against	
Richard, George M., Presly C., John M., Sally E., Eliza & Fanny	
Wright, and Peter P. C. & Richard Straughan,	defendants

On motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the Court doth appoint Richard Wright guardian of the defendants Eliza & Fanny Wright who are infants, for the purpose of defending them in this suit

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

On April 20, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, George M. Wright swore that Richard Wright died in March 1821:

“Richmond County to wit: George M Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County & made Oath that Richard Wright died about the month of March 1821

Given under my hand this 20 day of Aprl 1821

Wm. D. MCCarty J.P.”

The probate administration of the estate of Richard Wright has not as yet been found.

On July 13, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the plaintiffs filed their petition to revive their complaint against the heirs of Richard Wright following his death and which identified Washington Wright, Presley Wright, and Hannah R. Wright as children of Richard Wright:

"To the honourable judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the
Fredericksburg district

Your orators and oratrixes Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust, late
Nancy Wright, Benedict D. Wright, and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife late
Polly R. Wright, shew to your honour that

....
and sundry proceedings were had against the other defendants from time to time
(as by reference to the record of such proceedings will more fully appear) till on
or about the ___ day of _____ when the sd Richard Wright died leaving
Washington Wright Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright his only children and
heirs at law who are infants under the age of 21 years - and thereby the said suit
became abated, and your complainants are advised that the said suit and
proceedings ought to stand revived against the said Washington Wright Presley
Wright and Hannah R Wright & be in the same plight and condition as they were
in at the time of the death of the said Richard Wright -
...."

On June 15, 1826, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 26/428, Polly
Wright sold to Seth Rockwell her interest in the land of Hannah Attwell:

"This Indenture made and into this 15th day of June in the year One thousand
eight hundred and twenty six Between Polly Wright of the County of
Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the One part, and Seth Rockwell of the
County and State aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Polly
Wright for and in Consideration of the sum of fifty Dollars to her in hand paid at
or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt Whereof she
the said Polly Wright doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and Sold
and do by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the said Seth Rockwell his
heirs and assigns, that part or portion of land to which I am entitled as one of the
Children and heirs of Hannah Attwell decd lying and being in the County & State
aforesaid and adjoining the lands of John Bailey, Stephen Baileys heirs, and
Jeremiah Jeffries, with all woods underwoods ways waters Water Courses
houses edifices, yards, gardens, Orchards, priviledges, profits Commodities, and
Appurtenances to the same belonging or accepted, or taken as part parcel or
member thereof, with the reversion, and reversions, remainder or remainders
rents issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof and all the
estate, right, title, and interest of her the said Polly To Have and To Hold the said
peice, parcel or tract of land before mentioned and described with the
appurtenances unto him the said Seth Rockwell his heirs and assigns forever
and the said Polly Wright for herself and each of her heirs Exors and admors do
Covenant to and with the said Seth Rockwell his heirs and assigns that she the
said Polly Wright has a good sure and absolute title in fee simple in and to the
aforesaid piece, parcel, or tract of land, and that she the said Polly Wright her
heirs &c, shall and Will from time to time and at all times, Warrant and defend
the title thereof to the said Seth Rockwell, his heirs and assigns against the
Claim or Claims of her the said Polly her heirs and against the Claim or Claims of

all other persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof I have to these presents set my hand and affixed my seal the day month and year first above Written

Signed Sealed & acknowl-) Molley Wright
edged In the presence of)
John S Tapscott
W. J. Courtney
her
Ann X Courtney
Mark

Virginia,

At a Court of Monthly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County on the 26th day of July 1830

The foregoing Deed having been heretofore proved by the Oaths of John S Tapscott and William J Courtney Witnesses thereto Was lodged for further proof. And now on this day it Appearing that Ann Courtney the other subscribing Witness thereto is dead William S Courtney made Oath that she attested the same in his presence and thereupon the said deed is Ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Jno Graham CWC"

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Richard Wright as a son of Presley Wright and that he was then deceased.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified Richard Wright as her brother and that he had died before Fanny leaving two children, Presley Wright and Hannah Wright:

"To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820,

leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny.

. . . ."

(III) Molly Fleet Wright

Molly Fleet Wright was a daughter of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The will of Molley Fleet Wright was dated on May 8, 1812, probated on July 27, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/292, and provided as follows:

"Wright Molley Fleet's Will)

In the name of god amen I Molley Fleet Wright of Cople parish and Westmoreland County, being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing memory and sense make ordain and establish this Instrument of writing as and for my last Will and Testament in premise I resign my Soul to God who gave it to me hoping through the merits and Intercession of my blessed Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ to receive free pardon and forgiveness for all my Sins of what nature or kind soever, And as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow upon me beyond any desert of mine I give and bequeath in the following manner -

Item I give to my Brother Richard Wright all my Interest in all the Land belonging to my fathers Estate provided the said Richard Wright pays to his Sister Sary Ellen Wright one half the value of sd. Interest or dividend of Land to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give to my Sister Eliza Wright one Negro Girl named Hannah with her future increase to her and her heirs forever Also I give to my said Sister Eliza my Bed Bedstead and furniture, my trunks and wearing cloths and all that my trunks contains, and all the profits of the undivided part of my Fathers Estate that might fall to me in a future division of said Estate.

Item I give to my Sister Fanney Wright one Negro Boy named Spencer to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said Brother Richard Wright Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this eighth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Molly Fleet Wright

Sign'd Seal'd and Deliver'd)
in presence of)
Benedict Lamkin
Nath'l. Oldham
Charlotte Attwell

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of July 1812. The foregoing last Will & Testament of Molley Fleet Wright deceased, was proved by the oaths of Nathaniel Oldham and Charlotte Attwell two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of Richard Wright the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto according to law, and entered into and acknowledged Bond with Condition as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Jos. Fox C. Cur."

The writing of a will indicates that Molly F. Wright was of legal age of 18 on May 8, 1812, and therefore, born before May 8, 1794.

The 1814 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list Molly F. Wright among the tenants holding land from the Presley Wright estate, confirming her death before that date.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Molly F. Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright and that she had died in 1812 and after May 8, 1812:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

.....

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

.....

That Molly F Wright died on or about the ____ day of _____ 1812 having first

duly made and published her last will and testament dated the 8th day of May 1812 whereby she devised all her interest in the said tract of land to the said Richard Wright;

... .”

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Molly F. Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright and that she was then deceased.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died. The petition did not mention Molly F. Wright as a surviving sister of Fanny, confirming that Molly Fleet Wright had died before the spring of 1820.

(IV) Presley C. Wright

Presley C. Wright was a son of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The 1814 through 1817 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Presley Wright as tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On January 14, 1817, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 23/267, Presley C. Wright sold to George Smith all of his interest in the land of his deceased father:

"This Indenture made this fourteenth day of January Eighteen hundred & seventeen Between Presley C. Wright of the one part, and George Smith of the other part each of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said Presley C. Wright for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to him in hand paid by the said George Smith the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Presley C. Wright, & for himself & his heirs doth acquit the said George Smith & his heirs forever, Have bargained sold confirmed and delivered and by these presents do bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said George Smith and his heirs forever, all my right title interest and claim which I the said Presley C. Wright have in the tract of Land of which my Father died seizd. and which descended to me by the death of my Father who died intestate which said Tract of land have never been divided in my consequence whereof I have conveyed my Interest, right, Title & Claim in the premises as above stated unto the said George Smith and his heirs forever to

have and to hold the same and said Interest in the premises forever free from the claim or claims of myself my heirs & assigns and all other persons claiming under me or in any otherwise whatsoever - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this day & year above written

Witnesses Present
George B. Danks
Jeremiah Smith
Richd. Straughan
Francis Douglass

Presley C. Wright

January the 14th 1817 Recd. of Mr George Smith one hundred & fifty dollars which is in full for the within Indenture

Test
George B. Danks
Richard Straughan
Jeremiah Smith
Francis Douglass

Presley C. Wright

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office 28th April 1817

The foregoing Deed from Presley Wright to George Smith having been this day presented and acknowledged by the said Presley C. Wright is together with the receipt thereon admitted to record

Teste
Jos: Fox C.W.C."

The sale of land indicates that Presley C. Wright was of legal age on January 14, 1817, and therefore, born before January 14, 1796.

The 1818 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list Presley Wright, reflecting the sale of his interest in the land of Presley Wright by Westmoreland County, Deed 23/267.

Presley C. Wright has not as yet been found on the 1820 Census.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and the complaint identified Presley C. Wright as a son of Presley Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

....

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

....

that the said Presley C Wright by deed bearing date the 14th day of January 1817 conveyed his interest in the said land to George Smith,

....”

On October 9, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/132, Presley C. Wright acted as a witness to a deed in which Benedict D. Wright and his wife Sally Wright sold to Jeremiah Middleton all of their interest in the estate of Ann Garner.

On April 12, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, William Wright filed his affidavit that Presley C. Wright was not then an inhabitant of Virginia:

“Westmoreland County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the sd. County William Wright and made oath in due form that Presley C Wright a party defendant in the suit of Wright vs Wright depending in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Frdbg district is not an inhabitant of the State of Virginia. Given under my hand this 12th day of Apl. 1821

John W: Hungerford”

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Presley C. Wright as a son of Presley Wright.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified Presley C. Wright as her brother and that he had moved away from Virginia in about 1824 or 1825:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard

Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny. . . . And your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your worships that the aforementioned Presley C. Wright and John Wright are not now inhabitants of this Commonwealth: the former removed from Virginia some five or six years ago, and has never been heard of since; and the latter, when last hear from, about three years past, was residing in Georgia.
. . . ."

Presley C. Wright has not as yet been found in the 1830 or 1840 Census.

(V) Sarah Ellen "Sally" Wright

Sarah Ellen "Sally" Wright was a daughter of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The will of Molley Fleet Wright dated on May 8, 1812, and probated on July 27, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/292, listed Sary Ellen Wright as her sister:

"Wright Molley Fleet's Will)

In the name of god amen I Molley Fleet Wright of Cople parish and Westmoreland County, make ordain and establish this Instrument of writing as and for my last Will and Testament

. . . .

Item I give to my Brother Richard Wright all my Interest in all the Land belonging to my fathers Estate provided the said Richard Wright pays to his Sister Sary Ellen Wright one half the value of sd. Interest or dividend of Land to him and his Heirs forever.

. . . .

Molly Fleet Wright

. . . ."

The 1814 through 1819 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Miss Sarah Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On April 20, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 24/59, a division and allotment of the land of Presley Wright was filed which listed Sarah Wright as a beneficiary:

"Pursuant to an order of court of Westmoreland County bearing date June 1818 we the subscribers met and accompanied by Samuel Lamkin the county Surveyor of westmoreland proceeded to divide the land of which Presley Wright died seized among his legal representatives according to law (Vizt)

....

Lot No 6 containing an area of 42 A: 0 R: 27.5 P: was drawn by Sarah Wright.

....

The Courses and distances by which the several foregoing Lots are bounded may be seen by referring to the report of the said Surveyor, attached hereunto: Given under our hands this 20th day of April 1820.

John Graham
William Middleton

By Virtue of an order of the County court of Westmoreland bearing date the June day of 1818: Surveyed and divided the above figure of lying and being in the said County amongst the legal representatives of Presley Wright deceased. Begining at A a hicory in the line of J. J. Maund's heirs and corner to Presley Cox thence with Coxes line S 59° E 137 poles to B, a stake on the side of a branch corner to William Wright with his line S. 38° W 123.2 poles to C a Sycamore representing a box oak called for in the original papers, thence S. 58°: 30' E 24.5 poles D, a stake thence S. 43° W 139.5 poles Crossing the road to E a small red oak corner to William Wright and in the line of Peter Smith thence with said Smith's line N. 50° W 41 poles to F a marked Dogwood and hicory, thence S. 41° 30' W 84.2 poles to G near a dogwood and cedar corner to J. J. Maunds heirs, thence with Maunds line N 49° W 97.6 poles to H a Stone, thence N 43° 30' E. 22.8 poles to I a stooping hicory in the bottom thence N. 30° E 44 poles to K a hicory on the side of a ditch thence N 37° E 253 poles to the begining containing 281 A 0 R 12.5 P

The courses and distances of the several divisions are as follows. . . .

No 6 contains an area of 42: 0: 27.5 and is bounded by the lines of lots 4 & 5.

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December 1st 1818

Saml Lamkin S.W.C.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1820.

This report of the division of the land of which Presly Wright died Seized in the County of Westmoreland being returned to court is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jo: Fox C.W.C"

The 1820 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list Sarah Wright.

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not separately list a Sarah Ellen or Sally Wright.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Sally E. Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright:

“To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

. . . .”

This record indicates that Sarah Ellen Wright was born before July 8, 1799.

On April 25, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Salley E. Wright, George M. Wright, and John M. Wright filed their answer to the complaint and identified their grandfather as 1776 Francis Wright and their father as 1809 Presley Wright:

“The answer of George M. Wright, John M Wright & Salley E. Wright separately to a Bill exhibited in in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district by Bennedict Wright & others against Richard Wright & others

These defendants saving & reserving to themselves all & all benefit of exception now & here after to to the many untruths errors uncertainties & imperfections in the said Bill contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as they are advised is material for them to answer these defts answer & say, That Francis Wright was the father of Presley their father & father & grandfather of the Complts as is set forth in the Bill they state that the Will of Frances aforesaid was admitted to record in Westmoreland county on the 26 March 1776 as is shewn by the Complts, some time before the act docking entails was in force - It is correctly stated by the Complts that Presley their father was thereupon by his Guardian & afterwards by himself & since his death by the defts to the Bill or their alienees in quiet & undisturbed possession of the land spoken of - By a copy of the deed hereto annexed & prayed to be taken as part of this answer

marked A there seems to have been but 123 acres of land Whether the said Presley had other right than is exhibited by the papers of the Coplts or these defts cannot be ascertained at this time - But much is to be presumed from the following facts -

1st. The said Frances Wright died before the revolution commenced

2ndly. His eldest son Presley was in possession on those claiming under him for 45 years and the complainants or their fathers or mothers were but a little younger & lived in the same neighborhood with the said Presley.

3rdly. That one of the Complts William Wright was one of the commissioners under an order of the County Court of Westmoreland who acted in dividing the land now claimed & particularly advised George M Wright one of these defts to purchase of Ellen Smith the interest which she had obtained from some of the distributees of said Presley

4thly It is no where not by any person contended or pretended that Presley was equally a favorite with Frances Wright; and that this land must have been derived to Presley from sources probably independent of his father For in the Will of Frances, Presley is not mentioned unless indeed by the residuary clause of said Will

5thly The summons to contest the will of Frances by the heir at law Presley seems not to have been acted upon at all - The pretended renewal of the recordation of the Will of Frances seems to have bourne along with it, some things not easily to be understood, without a reference of it, being had to unfairness or at the least a singular in possibility - that is, the will of Frances upon the motion of Frances (the testator) was admitted to record &c

6thly These defts also state that the Westmoreland County Office has been burnt down together with many of its valuable records, at which time these defts cannot say - They however must distrust the title now set up, & deny that the Complts have any right or claim thereto - Many years have rolled along & with them has the father Presley Wright of these defts dropped into the grave - whilst he lived, altho in the same neighbourhood no mention of title was then made - But recently 12 or 13 years after his death even after the division of said land claimed, & one of the complainants having acted therein a suit is instituted in this honble court against the defts, and too, after a lapse of many years & after too successive alienations

And these defts have answered pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf most wrongfully expended &c

Richmond County to wit: George M. Wright, John M. Wright & Sally E Wright made Oath to the truth of the matters contained in their answer so far as they depend upon their own knowledge & where they rest upon the information of

others they believe to be true

Given under my hand this 25th of April 1821 before a Justice of peace for said County

Wm W Cash
Jno. B. Jeffries”

The 1821 through 1826 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sarah Wright with 42 acres of land.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Sally E. Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright.

The 1827 through 1830 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sarah Wright with 42 acres of land.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified Sally Wright as her sister:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny.
. . . .”

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sally Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Sally Wright	1	5-10	1	30-40
			1	10-15
			1	5-10

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
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	<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>				
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>

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included in the foregoing

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This record indicates that Sarah Ellen Wright was born between about 1790 and 1800.

The 1831 through 1839 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sarah Wright with 42 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

Sarah Wright has not as yet been found in the 1840 Census.

The 1840 through 1850 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sarah Wright with 42 acres of land adjacent to Richard Sydnor.

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Sally Wright in the Richard Sydnor household on August 22, 1850, and her age as 52 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1798.

Sarah Wright has not as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

(VI) 1832/33 John M. Wright, His Wife ()
Wright, And His Descendants

1832/33 John M. Wright was a son of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The 1814 through 1815 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed

John Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed George M. Wright on March 4, 1816, with John Wright, who was over age 16, and with Robert McGuy, a free mulatto, in his household and with 3 slaves over age 12 and 2 horses. The John Wright of this listing was George M. Wright's brother John M. Wright and this listing indicates that John M. Wright was born before March 4, 1800.

The 1816 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tithable in the George M. Wright household on March 17, 1817.

The 1817 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tithable in the George M. Wright household on February 2, 1818.

The 1818 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, listed John M. Wright as a tithable in the George M. Wright household on February 13, 1819. The listing of his middle initial as M identifies this John M. Wright as the brother of George M. Wright.

The 1819 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Richmond County, Virginia, did not list John M. Wright as a tithable in the George M. Wright household on March 9, 1820.

The 1820 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as an owner in fee of 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On April 20, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 24/59, a division and allotment of the land of Presley Wright was filed which listed John Wright as a beneficiary:

"Pursuant to an order of court of Westmoreland County bearing date June 1818 we the subscribers met and accompanied by Samuel Lamkin the county Surveyor of westmoreland proceeded to divide the land of which Presley Wright died seized among his legal representatives according to law (Vizt)

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Lot No. 4 containing an area of 42 A: 0 R: 27.5 P: was drawn by John Wright

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The Courses and distances by which the several foregoing Lots are bounded may be seen by referring to the report of the said Surveyor, attached hereunto: Given under our hands this 20th day of April 1820.

John Graham
William Middleton

By Virtue of an order of the County court of Westmoreland bearing date the June day of 1818: Surveyed and divided the above figure of lying and being in the said County amongst the legal representatives of Presley Wright deceased. Beginning at A a hiccory in the line of J. J. Maund's heirs and corner to Presley Cox thence with Coxes line S 59° E 137 poles to B, a stake on the side of a branch corner to William Wright with his line S. 38° W 123.2 poles to C a Sycamore representing a box oak called for in the original papers, thence S. 58°: 30' E 24.5 poles D, a stake thence S. 43° W 139.5 poles Crossing the road to E a small red oak corner to William Wright and in the line of Peter Smith thence with said Smith's line N. 50° W 41 poles to F a marked Dogwood and hiccory, thence S. 41° 30' W 84.2 poles to G near a dogwood and cedar corner to J. J. Maunds heirs, thence with Maunds line N 49° W 97.6 poles to H a Stone, thence N 43° 30' E. 22.8 poles to I a stooping hiccory in the bottom thence N. 30° E 44 poles to K a hiccory on the side of a ditch thence N 37° E 253 poles to the begining containing 281 A 0 R 12.5 P

The courses and distances of the several divisions are as follows

Lot No. 4. Begins at figure 8 in the road corner to no 3 thence up the road N 67° W 120 poles to 12, a marked red oak in the line of Maunds heirs corner to no. 6, thence with the same, 139 poles to 13, a marked pine corner to no 7, thence S 2° W to 4 corner to lot no 1, 2 & 7, thence with the lines of lots no 1 & 2 & 3 to the begining containing an area of 42 A, 0 R, 27.5 P.

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December 1st 1818

Saml Lamkin S.W.C.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1820.

This report of the division of the land of which Presly Wright died Seized in the County of Westmoreland being returned to court is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jo: Fox C.W.C"

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Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified John M. Wright as a son of Presley Wright:

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Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

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that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -
. . . .”

On April 25, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, John M. Wright, George M. Wright, and Salley E. Wright filed their answer to the complaint and identified their grandfather as 1776 Francis Wright and their father as 1809 Presley Wright:

“The answer of George M. Wright, John M Wright & Salley E. Wright separately to a Bill exhibited in in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district by Bennedict Wright & others against Richard Wright & others

These defendants saving & reserving to themselves all & all benefit of exception now & here after to to the many untruths errors uncertainties & imperfections in the said Bill contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as they are advised is material for them to answer these defts answer & say, That Francis Wright was the father of Presley their father & father & grandfather of the Complts as is set forth in the Bill they state that the Will of Frances aforesaid was admitted to record in Westmoreland county on the 26 March 1776 as is shewn by the Complts, some time before the act docking entails was in force - It is correctly stated by the Complts that Presley their father was thereupon by his Guardian & afterwards by himself & since his death by the defts to the Bill or their alienees in quiet & undisturbed possession of the land spoken of - By a copy of the deed hereto annexed & prayed to be taken as part of this answer marked A there seems to have been but 123 acres of land Whether the said Presley had other right than is exhibited by the papers of the Coplts or these defts cannot be ascertained at this time - But much is to be presumed from the following facts -

1st. The said Frances Wright died before the revolution commenced

2ndly. His eldest son Presley was in possession on those claiming under him for

45 years and the complainants or their fathers or mothers were but a little younger & lived in the same neighborhood with the said Presley.

3rdly. That one of the Complts William Wright was one of the commissioners under an order of the County Court of Westmoreland who acted in dividing the land now claimed & particularly advised George M Wright one of these defts to purchase of Ellen Smith the interest which she had obtained from some of the distributees of said Presley

4thly It is no where not by any person contended or pretended that Presley was equally a favorite with Frances Wright; and that this land must have been derived to Presley from sources probably independent of his father For in the Will of Frances, Presley is not mentioned unless indeed by the residuary clause of said Will

5thly The summons to contest the will of Frances by the heir at law Presley seems not to have been acted upon at all - The pretended renewal of the recordation of the Will of Frances seems to have bourn along with it, some things not easily to be understood, without a reference of it, being had to unfairness or at the least a singular in possibility - that is, the will of Frances upon the motion of Frances (the testator) was admitted to record &c

6thly These defts also state that the Westmoreland County Office has been burnt down together with many of its valuable records, at which time these defts cannot say - They however must distrust the title now set up, & deny that the Complts have any right or claim thereto - Many years have rolled along & with them has the father Presley Wright of these defts dropped into the grave - whilst he lived, altho in the same neighbourhood no mention of title was then made - But recently 12 ot 13 years after his death even after the division of said land claimed, & one of the complainants having acted therein a suit is instituted in this honble court against the defts, and too, after a lapse of many years & after too successive alienations

And these defts have answered pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf most wrongfully expended &c

Richmond County to wit: George M. Wright, John M. Wright & Sally E Wright made Oath to the truth of the matters contained in their answer so far as they depend upon their own knowledge & where they rest upon the information of others they believe to be true

Given under my hand this 25th of April 1821 before a Justice of peace for said County

Wm W Cash
Jno. B. Jeffries"

The 1821 through 1826 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed John M. Wright as a son of Presley Wright.

The 1827 through 1830 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified John Wright as her brother and that he had moved away from Virginia and resided in Georgia in about 1827:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny. . . . And your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your worships that the aforementioned Presley C. Wright and John Wright are not now inhabitants of this Commonwealth: the former removed from Virginia some five or six years ago, and has never been heard of since; and the latter, when last hear from, about three years past, was residing in Georgia.
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. . . .

The 1831 through 1832 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land.

The 1833 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, listed John Wright's estate as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land. This record indicates that John M. Wright had died in about 1832 or early 1833.

The 1834 through 1839 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed John Wright as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land.

The 1840 through 1849 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, again listed John Wright's estate as an owner in fee of 42 acres of land.

On June 20, 1849, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/173, Francis Wright of Bibb County, Georgia, the sole heir of John M. Wright, deceased, sold to Richard Sydnor the 42 acres of land in Westmoreland County allocated to John Wright in 1820 in the division of the estate of Presley Wright:

"This indenture made & entered into this the twentieth day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty nine between Francis Wright the heir at Law and only heir at law of John M. Wright, deceased, of the one part and Richard Sydnor of the County of Westmoreland & state of Virginia of the other part (said Francis Wright being of said County of Bibb) Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright in Consideration of the sum of One hundred & twenty six dollars cash in hand paid by the said Sydnor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold & conveyed and by these presents doth hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey to said Richard Sydnor, his heirs & assigns all that parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia Known by the following metes & bounds to wit; commencing at the gate of Richard Sydnor in the main road leading to Westmoreland court house and thence run up the road to a large red Oak, on the West side of the road near Benedict Walker's gate, thence run with the land of Richard Sydnor which he bought of James C. Wright deceased calld the little neck tract of land to a markd dogwood, thence run near R. Sydnor's house, thence run up the road leading from the house into the main road to the beginning, containing fourty two acres being the same more or less to have and to hold said parcel of land to the said Sydnor his heirs and assigns with all the appurtenances thereon and improvements thereto attached to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple. And the said Francis Wright for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators the said bargained premises unto the said Richard Sydnor his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the right & title thereof, against himself or against the claims of all other persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Francis Wright has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed & deli-	)	his	
vered in presence of	)	X	Francis Wright
F. N. Mason		mark	
David Reid J.P.			

State of Georgia)
County of Bibb) to wit:

I David Reid a Commissioner appointed for the State aforesaid, under an act of the State of Virginia entitled an Act Authorizing the Appointment of Commissioners to take depositions and affidavits the Acknowledgments of deeds and instruments in writing under seal, Out of the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Francis Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the twentieth day of June 1849 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me

in my state aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and desired me to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the proper Court in the State of Virginia, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under my hand and seal this the twentieth day of June 1849.

David Reid
Virginia Commissioner

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court July 23d 1849. This deed from Francis Wright to Richard Sydnor conveying real Estate in fee simple was this day received in my Office and with the Certificate of Acknowledgment thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examined

Teste
William Hutt CC"

This sale of land indicates that Francis Wright was of legal age on June 20, 1849, and therefore, born before June 20, 1828, in turn indicating that John M. Wright had married before about 1828.

The 1850 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, did not list John Wright or John Wright's estate, reflecting the sale of his land by Westmoreland County Deed 33/173.

(VII) Elizabeth "Eliza" (Wright) Sydnor, Her
Husband Richard Sydnor, And Her
Descendants

Elizabeth "Eliza" (Wright) Sydnor was a daughter of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The will of Molley Fleet Wright dated on May 8, 1812, and probated on July 27, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/292, listed Eliza Wright as her sister:

"Wright Molley Fleet's Will)

In the name of god amen I Molley Fleet Wright of Cople parish and Westmoreland County, make ordain and establish this Instrument of writing as and for my last Will and Testament

. . . .

Item I give to my Sister Eliza Wright one Negro Girl named Hannah with her future increase to her and her heirs forever Also I give to my said Sister Eliza my Bed Bedstead and furniture, my trunks and wearing cloths and all that my trunks contains, and all the profits of the undivided part of my Fathers Estate that might fall to me in a future division of said Estate.

. . . .

Molly Fleet Wright

. . . ."

The 1814 through 1820 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Eliza or Miss Elizabeth Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On April 20, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 24/59, a division and allotment of the land of Presley Wright was filed which listed Eliza Wright as a beneficiary:

"Pursuant to an order of court of Westmoreland County bearing date June 1818 we the subscribers met and accompanied by Samuel Lamkin the county Surveyor of westmoreland proceeded to divide the land of which Presley Wright died seized among his legal representatives according to law (Vizt)

Lot No 1 being the lot the mansion house stands on containing an area of 0 A: 1 R: 30 P: was drawn by Eliza Wright

. . . .

The Courses and distances by which the several foregoing Lots are bounded may be seen by referring to the report of the said Surveyor, attached hereunto: Given under our hands this 20th day of April 1820.

John Graham
William Middleton

By Virtue of an order of the County court of Westmoreland bearing date the June day of 1818: Surveyed and divided the above figure of lying and being in the said County amongst the legal representatives of Presley Wright deceased. Begining at A a hiccory in the line of J. J. Maund's heirs and corner to Presley Cox thence with Coxes line S 59° E 137 poles to B, a stake on the side of a branch corner to William Wright with his line S. 38° W 123.2 poles to C a Sycamore representing a box oak called for in the original papers, thence S. 58°: 30' E 24.5 poles D, a stake thence S. 43° W 139.5 poles Crossing the road to E

a small red oak corner to William Wright and in the line of Peter Smith thence with said Smith's line N. 50° W 41 poles to F a marked Dogwood and hiccory, thence S. 41° 30' W 84.2 poles to G near a dogwood and cedar corner to J. J. Maunds heirs, thence with Maunds line N 49° W 97.6 poles to H a Stone, thence N 43° 30' E. 22.8 poles to I a stooping hiccory in the bottom thence N. 30° E 44 poles to K a hiccory on the side of a ditch thence N 37° E 253 poles to the begining containing 281 A 0 R 12.5 P

The courses and distances of the several divisions are as follows Lot No 1 being the lot the mation House stands on begins at a stake in the yard at Figure 1 thence S 77° W. 36 poles to figure 2 thence N. 23.45 W 12.3 poles to 3 thence N. 71.30 E 6.5 poles to 4 thence S. 13° E. 13.3 poles to the begining containing an area of 0 A. 1 R. 30 P.

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December 1st 1818

Saml Lamkin S.W.C.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1820.

This report of the division of the land of which Presly Wright died Seized in the County of Westmoreland being returned to court is ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Jo: Fox C.W.C"

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Eliza Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

....

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

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This record indicates that Eliza Wright was born after July 8, 1799.

On September 23, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed Richard Wright as guardian of Eliza Wright, who was then a minor:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holde in the town of Fredericksburg, on the 23rd day of September, 1820

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs.
against	
Richard, George M., Presly C., John M., Sally E., Eliza & Fanny	
Wright, and Peter P. C. & Richard Straughan,	defendants

On motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the Court doth appoint Richard Wright guardian of the defendants Eliza & Fanny Wright who are infants, for the purpose of defending them in this suit

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

This record indicates that Eliza Wright was born after September 23, 1799.

The 1821 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Eliza Wright with 1 Rood and 30 Poles of land, reflecting her allocated share in the division of the estate of Presley Wright.

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, listed the marriage of Eliza Wright and Richard Sydnor on July 16, 1821, in Richmond County, Virginia:

“Sydnor, Richard and Eliza Wright, bond 16 July 1821. George M. Wright (b).”

On September 29, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed George M. Wright as guardian of Washington Wright, Presley Wright, Hannah R. Wright, Eliza Wright, and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery held in the Town of Fredericksburg on the 29" day of September, 1821

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other	plaintiffs
against	

Washington Wright, Presley Wright, & Hannah R. Wright, infant
children & heirs at law of Richard Wright, deceased, Eliza Wright
& Fanny Wright infants, Peter P. C. Straughan & other defendants

On the motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the court doth appoint George M.
Wright guardian of the infant defendants Washington, Presley, Hannah R., Eliza
and Fanny Wright, for the purpose of defending them in this suit.

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

This record indicates that Eliza Wright was born after September 21, 1800.

The 1822 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Eliza Wright
with 1 Rood and 30 Poles of land.

The 1823 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list Eliza
Wright, reflecting her marriage to Richard Sydnor.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia,
Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower
court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth
above, which listed Eliza Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright and that she was then
deceased without issue.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County,
Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for
the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died, and which identified Elizabeth
(Wright) Sydnor as a sister of Fanny right:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard
Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about
thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820,
leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John
Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley
Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and
neice of the said Fanny. That, at her decease, the said Fanny Wright was the
fee simple owner of a small tract of land lying in Westmoreland county,
contianing about twenty two acres, of which the share descending to each of her
heirs aforesaid would be of much less value than three hundred dollars. That
your orator & oratrix have, for some time past, been desirous that a sale of the
said land should be made, and a division of its price effected among the said
heirs, and have made known their wish upon the subject to all of the parties

interested who are resident in Virginia, but they, although not unwilling to acquiesce in such a measure, seem yet indisposed towards doing any thing for carrying it into effect. And your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your worships that the aforementioned Presley C. Wright and John Wright are not now inhabitants of this Commonwealth: the former removed from Virginia some five or six years ago, and has never been heard of since; and the latter, when last hear from, about three years past, was residing in Georgia. Now your orator & oratrix are advised that, under all the circumstances of this case, a sale and division of the said land may most properly be obtained through the assistance of a court of equity. In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch &c. &c. To the end, therefore, that the said George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, Sally Wright, John Wright, Presley Wright, and Hannah Wright, may be made defendants, and may answer this bill &c.; and that a guardian may be assigned to the said Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, who are infants, to defend them in this behalf; and that proper proceedings may be had against the said non-residents Presley C. and John; and that a decree may be had for a sale of the said land, and a division of tis price among those legally entitled thereto; and that your orator & oratrix may obtain such other & further relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require and as to your worships may seem meet, may it please your worships &c. &c.

W. Y. Thurman p.q.

Richard Sydnor & Elizabeth his wife, plffs.)	
vs	)	In chancery.
George M. Wright and others, defendants)	

This day the plaintiffs filed their bill; and thereupon it is ordered that process issue against the defendants. And, on motion of the said plffs, John Graham is by the Court assigned guardian to the infant defendants Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, to defend them in this suit."

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Richard Sydnor with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Richard Sydnor	1	30-40	1	30-40
	1	5-10	1	20-30
	2	0-5		

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
		1	55-100				
		1	24-36				
		1	10-24				

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
9					

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This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Sydnor was born between about 1800 and 1810 and that Richard Sydnor was born between about 1790 and 1800.

On November 21, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/22, Richard Sydnor of Westmoreland County purchased from William and Lucy Wright 30 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 21st day of November, 1835, Between William Wright and Lucy his wife of the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia of the one part and Richard Sydnor of the County & State aforesaid of the other Witnesseth that the said William Wright & Lucy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of One hundred & fifty dollars lawfull money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Richard Sydnor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained & sold and by these presents do bargain & Sell unto the said Richard Sydnor his heirs & assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land, Situate & lying in the County & State aforesaid, Beginning at a Dogwood corner to the said land and in the line of James C. Wright's heirs, Running from thence a Straight line to the end of an Old Ditch at or near the land allotted to Fanny Wright, running with the line of Fanny Wright to a corner in said Sydnors garden corner to John Wrights land and Said Land, From thence running a Straight line to the aforesaid Dogwood; Also another parcell or piece of land, Beginning at a Small pine tree standing on the end of the Old ditch running

from thence to a white Oak, From thence a straight line to Black Walnut near a Mulberry Standing on the side of the Public road and a Corner tree to said William Wright, Benedict Walker and Samuel Jackson; From thence running up the road to Richard Sydnors gate, from thence running down the road leading to said Sydmor's house to, at, or near an Old persimmon Stump, Corner of Fanny Wrights land from thence running across the bottom of Fanny Wright's land to the said pine at the end of the said Old ditch both parcels inclusive supposed to contain about Thirty Acres more or less. To have and to hold the said parcell or parcels of land, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and advantages therefrom arising unto the said Richard Sydnor and his heirs forever to and for the only use and behoof said Sydnor & his Heirs, and the said William Wright & Lucy his wife, do hereby agree to warrant and defend, against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In Testimony whereof we the said William Wright & Lucy his wife have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals this 21st day of November, 1835.

Signed, Sealed and acknowl-) Wm Wright
edged in presence of) Lucy Wright
William Middleton
Benjn. S. Middleton
Bendt. Walker

Westmoreland County

We Benedict Walker & William Middleton Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Lucy Wright the wife of William Wright parties to the within deed bearing date the 25th day of November, 1835, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined before us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Lucy Wright acknowledged the same to be her act & Deed and declared she had willingly signed, sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under Our hands & Seals this 21st day of November, 1835.

Bendt Walker
William Middleton

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 28th day of December 1835.

This deed from William Wright and wife to Richard Sydnor, was this day presented in my Office, acknowledged before me by said Wm Wright and with the certificate of privy examination thereon endorsed, admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt C.W.C.

Recorded and Examined the 1st day of January 1836

Teste,
William Hutt CC."

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Richard Sydnor with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>		<u>Free White Persons Males</u>		<u>Free White Persons Females</u>	
		<u>Age</u>		<u>Age</u>	
Richard Sydnor		1	40-50	1	40-50
		2	10-15	1	30-40
				2	5-10

<u>Free Colored Persons Male</u>		<u>Free Colored Persons Female</u>		<u>Slaves Males</u>		<u>Slaves Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Age</u>		<u>Age</u>	
1	10-24			1	10-24	1	36-55

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
10		2		1		

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>	
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb No.</u>	<u>Blind Ages</u>

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In- sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>	
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>and Blind</u>	<u>Insane and Idiots</u>
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>
		<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

Schools, &c.						
Univer- sities or College	Number of Students	Acade- mies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Sydnor was born between about 1800 and 1810 and that Richard Sydnor was born between about 1790 and 1800.

On June 20, 1849, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/173, Richard Sydnor of Westmoreland County purchased from Francis Wright of Bibb County, Georgia, 42 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"This indenture made & entered into this the twentieth day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty nine between Francis Wright the heir at Law and only heir at law of John M. Wright, deceased, of the one part and Richard Sydnor of the County of Westmoreland & state of Virginia of the other part (said Francis Wright being of said County of Bibb) Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright in Consideration of the sum of One hundred & twenty six dollars cash in hand paid by the said Sydnor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold & conveyed and by these presents doth hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey to said Richard Sydnor, his heirs & assigns all that parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia Known by the following metes & bounds to wit; commencing at the gate of Richard Sydnor in the main road leading to Westmoreland court house and thence run up the road to a large red Oak, on the West side of the road near Benedict Walker's gate, thence run with the land of Richard Sydnor which he bought of James C. Wright deceased calld the little neck tract of land to a markd dogwood, thence run near R. Sydnor's house, thence run up the road leading from the house into the main road to the beginning, containing fourty two acres being the same more or less to have and to hold said parcel of land to the said Sydnor his heirs and assigns with all the appurtenances thereon and improvements thereto attached to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple. And the said Francis Wright for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators the said bargained premises unto the said Richard Sydnor his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the right & title thereof, against himself or against the claims of all other persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Francis Wright has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of F. N. Mason David Reid J.P.) Francis X Wright his mark

State of Georgia)
County of Bibb) to wit:

I David Reid a Commissioner appointed for the State aforesaid, under an act of the State of Virginia entitled an Act Authorizing the Appointment of Commissioners to take depositions and affidavits the Acknowledgments of deeds and instruments in writing under seal, Out of the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Francis Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the twentieth day of June 1849 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before me in my state aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and desired me to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the proper Court in the State of Virginia, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under my hand and seal this the twentieth day of June 1849.

David Reid
Virginia Commissioner

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court July 23d 1849. This deed from Francis Wright to Richard Sydnor conveying real Estate in fee simple was this day received in my Office and with the Certificate of Acknowledgment thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examined

Teste
William Hutt CC"

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Richard Sydnor with the following household on August 22, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Richard Sydnor	55	M		Farming	1000
Eliza Sydnor	45	F			
Frances Sydnor	13	F			
Susan Sydnor	13	F			
Sally Wright	52	F			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Va				
Va				
Va				
Va				
Va				

This record indicates that Elizabeth (Wright) Sydnor was born in about 1805 and that Richard Sydnor was born in about 1795.

The will of Richard Sydnor was dated on October 26, 1850, probated on February 24, 1851, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/435, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen I, Richard Sydnor of the County of Westmoreland do make this to be my last will and testament as followeth.

Imp. I Lown and bequeath to my son George W. Sydnor my dwelling plantation including all the lands I bought of James C. Wrights heirs, For him and the lawful heirs of his body to have the use of the above named dwelling and Lands duaring their nattuall lifes and in case that my son George W. Sydnor should die without such heirs of his body I then lown to my Two dauthers Frances & Susan Sydnor and their heirs durring their nattuall lifes and case they should die without such lawful heirs of their boddy, I then lown to my son Robert B. Sydnor and his heirs forever the above dweling plantation and all of my land. I point my wife Eliza Sydnor and Robert and George W. Sydnor the Executors of my Estate. I all so request that my executors should not have no sale of my perishable Estate during my wife nattuall life, at her death I then desir that all the personal Estate left by her should be equal divided between my four Children Robert, George, Frances & Susan Sydnor but in case that ther should not be money and the neat proceds of the crops to pay my just debts, I then deseir that my executors shall sell any part of my personal Estate that the may thing best to dispose of to pay my just debts. I also give to my daughteters Frances & Susan Sydnor a room in my dwelling house to live in durring thir single life and to be supported out of the

neat proceeds of my lands & in case they shold marry the benefit of the room and land shold be no more. I all so request that my executors shold pay towards the Edecation of my grand son George Sydnor Twenty dollars. As Witness my hand seale this 26" day of October 1850.

Richard Sydnor

Witness,
Robert Lyell
John C. Gibbs
Daniel Atwell

Virginia,
At a court of Monthly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County on Monday the 24th day of Feby 1851.

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard Sydnor decd. was presented to the court, proved by the Oath of Robert Lyell & John C. Gibbs two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Robert B. Sydnor one of the Executors named in the said will, who took the oath of an executor, and with John Critcher & Thos. Jones Jr. & John C. Mitchell his Securities, executed bond in the penalty of \$5000 Conditioned as the law directs. And George W. Sydnor one of the Executors named in said will in open court refused to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof, and liberty being reserved to Eliza Sydnor the Executrix named in said will hereafter to join in the probat of the sad will, Certificate is granted the said Robert B Sydnor for Obtaining a probat of said will in due form of law.

Teste,
Warren Hutt C.W.C

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
Warren Hutt C.W.C"

This record identifies the family of Richard Sydnor as follows:

Wife: Eliza

Children: 1) George W. Sydnor,
 2) Frances Sydnor,
 3) Susan Sydnor, and
 4) Robert B. Sydnor.

The 1860 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed E. Sydnor in the R. Sanford household on August 23, 1860, and her age as 60, indicating a date of birth in

about 1800.

Elizabeth or Eliza (Wright) Sydnor has not as yet been found in the 1870 Census.

(VIII) Frances "Fanney" Wright

Frances "Fanney" Wright was a daughter of 1809 Presley Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1809 Presley⁶)

The will of Molley Fleet Wright dated on May 8, 1812, and probated on July 27, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/292, listed Fanny Wright as her sister:

"Wright Molley Fleet's Will)

In the name of god amen I Molley Fleet Wright of Cople parish and Westmoreland County, make ordain and establish this Instrument of writing as and for my last Will and Testament

. . . .

Item I give to my Sister Fanney Wright one Negro Boy named Spencer to her and her heirs forever.

. . . .

Molly Fleet Wright

. . . ."

The 1814 through 1820 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Miss Fanney Wright as a tenant with 44 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On April 20, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 24/59, a division and allotment of the land of Presley Wright was filed which listed Francis Wright as a beneficiary:

"Pursuant to an order of court of Westmoreland County bearing date June 1818 we the subscribers met and accompanied by Samuel Lamkin the county Surveyor of westmoreland proceeded to divide the land of which Presley Wright died seized among his legal representatives according to law (Vizt)

. . . .

Lot No 2 containing an area of 21 acres was drawn by Francis Wright

. . . .

The Courses and distances by which the several foregoing Lots are bounded may be seen by referring to the report of the said Surveyor, attached hereunto: Given under our hands this 20th day of April 1820.

John Graham
William Middleton

By Virtue of an order of the County court of Westmoreland bearing date the June day of 1818: Surveyed and divided the above figure of lying and being in the said County amongst the legal representatives of Presley Wright deceased. Begining at A a hiccory in the line of J. J. Maund's heirs and corner to Presley Cox thence with Coxes line S 59° E 137 poles to B, a stake on the side of a branch corner to William Wright with his line S. 38° W 123.2 poles to C a Sycamore representing a box oak called for in the original papers, thence S. 58°: 30' E 24.5 poles D, a stake thence S. 43° W 139.5 poles Crossing the road to E a small red oak corner to William Wright and in the line of Peter Smith thence with said Smith's line N. 50° W 41 poles to F a marked Dogwood and hiccory, thence S. 41° 30' W 84.2 poles to G near a dogwood and cedar corner to J. J. Maunds heirs, thence with Maunds line N 49° W 97.6 poles to H a Stone, thence N 43° 30' E. 22.8 poles to I a stooping hiccory in the bottom thence N. 30° E 44 poles to K a hiccory on the side of a ditch thence N 37° E 253 poles to the begining containing 281 A 0 R 12.5 P

The courses and distances of the several divisions are as follows

Lot No. 2 begins 1.5 poles from the begining of Lot No 1 and in the first line thence up the road from the house S. 18° 30' E 23.6 poles to figure 5 thence N. 71° 30' E 90 poles to 6, thence N. 18° 30' W. 37 poles to 7, thence S. 71° 30' W 90 poles to 4, corner of Lot No. 1 and contains an area of 21 acres.

. . . .

December 1st 1818

Saml Lamkin S.W.C.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of April 1820.

This report of the division of the land of which Presly Wright died Seized in the County of Westmoreland being returned to court is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jo: Fox C.W.C"

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Frances Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

....

that the said Presley Wright died intestate and left the following children his heirs at law Vizt. Molly F Wright, Richard Wright, George M Wright, Presley C. Wright John M Wright, Sally E. Wright, Eliza Wright and Fanny Wright, the two last named of whom are infants under the age of 21 years -

....”

This record indicates that Frances Wright was born after July 8, 1799.

On September 23, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed Richard Wright as guardian of Frances Wright, who was then a minor:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery holde in the town of Fredericksburg, on the 23rd day of September, 1820

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other plaintiffs.

against

Richard, George M., Presly C., John M., Sally E., Eliza & Fanny Wright, and Peter P. C. & Richard Straughan,

defendants

On motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the Court doth appoint Richard Wright guardian of the defendants Eliza & Fanny Wright who are infants, for the purpose of defending them in this suit

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

This record indicates that Frances Wright was born after September 23, 1799.

On September 29, 1821, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court appointed George M. Wright as guardian of Washington Wright, Presley Wright, Hannah R. Wright, Eliza Wright, and Fanny Wright, who were then minors:

“Virginia:

At a Superior Court of Chancery held in the Town of Fredericksburg on the 29" day of September, 1821

Benedict Wright, William Wright & other
against

plaintiffs

Washington Wright, Presley Wright, & Hannah R. Wright, infant
children & heirs at law of Richard Wright, deceased, Eliza Wright
& Fanny Wright infants, Peter P. C. Straughan & other defendants

On the motion of the plaintiffs, by counsel, the court doth appoint George M. Wright guardian of the infant defendants Washington, Presley, Hannah R., Eliza and Fanny Wright, for the purpose of defending them in this suit.

A copy teste,
J. F. Ford, C.C.”

This record indicates that Frances Wright was born after September 21, 1800.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Fanny Wright as a daughter of Presley Wright and that she was then deceased without issue.

On March 23, 1830, in the case of Sydnor v. Wright, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File No. 1830-012, Richard and Elizabeth Sydnor filed a petition for the sale of the land of Fanny Wright, who had died in the spring of 1820 at the age of 13:

“To the Worshipful county court of Westmoreland, in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining, shew unto your worships your orator & oratrix Richard Sydnor and Elizabeth his wife, that Fanny Wright, while an infant of about thirteen years old, departed this life, in or about the spring of the year 1820, leaving the following heirs, viz. George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, and John Wright, brothers, Sally Wright and your oratrix Elizabeth, sisters, and Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, (children of Richard Wright decd.,) a nephew and neice of the said Fanny. That, at her decease, the said Fanny Wright was the fee simple owner of a small tract of land lying in Westmoreland county, containing about twenty two acres, of which the share descending to each of her heirs aforesaid would be of much less value than three hundred dollars. That your orator & oratrix have, for some time past, been desirous that a sale of the said land should be made, and a division of its price effected among the said heirs, and have made known their wish upon the subject to all of the parties interested who are resident in Virginia, but they, although not unwilling to acquiesce in such a measure, seem yet indisposed towards doing any thing for carrying it into effect. And your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your worships that the aforementioned Presley C. Wright and John Wright are not now inhabitants of this Commonwealth: the former removed from Virginia some five or six years ago, and has never been heard of since; and the latter, when last

hear from, about three years past, was residing in Georgia. Now your orator & oratrix are advised that, under all the circumstances of this case, a sale and division of the said land may most properly be obtained through the assistance of a court of equity. In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch &c. &c. To the end, therefore, that the said George M. Wright, Presley C. Wright, Sally Wright, John Wright, Presley Wright, and Hannah Wright, may be made defendants, and may answer this bill &c.; and that a guardian may be assigned to the said Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, who are infants, to defend them in this behalf; and that proper proceedings may be had against the said non-residents Presley C. and John; and that a decree may be had for a sale of the said land, and a division of tis price among those legally entitled thereto; and that your orator & oratrix may obtain such other & further relief in the premises as the nature of this case may require and as to your worships may seem meet, may it please your worships &c. &c.

W. Y. Thurman p.q.

Richard Sydnor & Elizabeth his wife, plffs.)	
vs	)	In chancery.
George M. Wright and others, defendants)	

This day the plaintiffs filed their bill; and thereupon it is ordered that process issue against the defendants. And, on motion of the said plffs, John Graham is by the Court assigned guardian to the infant defendants Presley Wright and Hannah Wright, to defend them in this suit.”

This record indicates that Frances Wright was born in about 1807.

iii. Nancy (Wright) Rust And Her Husband Matthew Rust

Nancy (Wright) Rust was a daughter of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Ann (Cox) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, and provided in part as follows:

“In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia Item I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Richard Wright and Presley Wright and my grand Daughter Nancy Wright ten pounds current money of Virginia each to be paid out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of Marriage lastly I Constitute and appoint my son Fleet Cox and my son William Cox and Francis Wright to be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and testament”

The appointment of Frances Wright as executor and the listing of Nancy Wright as a grandchild identifies Nancy Wright as a child of Francis Wright and that Nancy Wright was born after February 18, 1745, and before February 18, 1766.

The will of Francis Wright dated on December 6, 1775, and probated on March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, did not list Nancy Wright as one of his children.

The will of Vincent Rust dated on September 28, 1793, and probated on April 29, 1794, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 19/10, listed Mathew Rust as his son and disinherited him from the estate:

". . . . Vincent Rust make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
Fifthly I leave all my stock of every kind to be equally divided between my
Children except my son Mathew Rust whom by this my last will I disinherit from
any Claim or Claims either directly or indirectly against m Estate.

. . . .

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this 28th day of September
in the year of our lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety Three

Vincent Rust"

The 1810 Census for Loudoun County, Virginia, listed Mathew Rust, age 45+, indicating a date of birth before about 1765, but further research will be required to confirm that this was the same person as the Matthew Rust who married Nancy Wright.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Nancy (Wright) Rust as a daughter of Francis

Wright and widow of Matthew Rust:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the
Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow
of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A
his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five
children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and
oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased)

the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law
.....”

This record indicates that Matthew Rust had died before July 8, 1820.

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including Nancy (Wright) Rust:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright
Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife Plts
vs
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright,
Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R
Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by
George M Wright assigned their guardian Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eighths of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been

received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated”

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Nancy (Wright) as a daughter of Francis Wright.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court entered the following order:

“This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.
J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: “On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto.” On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M’Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to

have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.
”

This record identifies 1776 Francis Wright as the father of Nancy Wright.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John

Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“28. Mary Ann⁴ Cox, (Margaret Fleet³, Henry², Henry¹) married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright, who left will 5 Dec. 1775-26 March 1793.¹⁰⁵
 Issue: [Wright] 89. Richard⁵; 90. Presley⁵, married Elizabeth Middleton; 91. Nancy⁵, married Matthew Rust.

¹⁰⁵ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.”

iv. 1833 Benedict Wright Of Westmoreland County, His
 Wives Mary “Molly” (Rust) Wright And Hannah
 (Claughton) Wright, And His Descendants

1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Francis Wright dated on December 6, 1775, and probated on March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, listed Benedick Wright as one of his sons:

"In the Name of God Amen I Francis Wright of Westmoreland County do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I leave my Land I Purchased of Mr. John Rust to be sold to pay my Just debts at Publick oction or Privet Sale as my Executors hereafter named shall think proper and whatever the Land Sells for then will Pay my debts the money to be Eaquely divided between my three sons Benedick Wright Johnson

Wiginton Wright & Wright Wright Secondly I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth the use of my house wherein I now live and the third part of the Land Joining the house during her life I also leave her the third part of all my Personal Estate for and during her Natrual life and after her death to be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. Thirdly my will and desire is that all the rest of my Estate not before given shall be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. I do appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Capt. Bendk. Middleton Junr. & Fleet Cox Executors of this my last will & Testament. As Witness my hand this 6th day of December 1775.

Fleet Cox Jun.
Elijah Mood
Elizabeth Middleton

Francis Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of March 1793. On the Motion of Francis Wright it is ordered that this Will be recorded the Heirs at Law consenting thereto.

Examd.

Teste
J Bland CWC"

This record indicates that Benedict Wright was born before December 6, 1775.

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Benedict Wright and Mary Rust on January 20, 1792, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Benedict & Mary Rust, dau. Vincent Rust, 20 Jan. 1792, John Rust sec."

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Benedict Wright first to Mary "Molly" Rust on January 20, 1792, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and second to Hannah Claughton in 1807 in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Benedict & Rust, Mary "Molly"; b. 20 Jan 1792; Jn. Rust (sec.); bride was a dau. of Vincent Rust (d. WC 1794) who gave his cons. & Ann Bailey; Benedict Wright mar. (2) Hannah Claughton, WC, 1807; (WC DW 19:95; RI 7:461; MLB WC; MLB WC2; JFL annotations to MLB WEC)"

On June 22, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 7/254, an accounting for the estate of Francis Wright was filed:

Benedict Wright and his wife Mary (Rust) Wright and other heirs of Ann Rust and Vincent Smith Bailey sold to Fleet Cox 20 acres of land:

"Bailey & others)
to)
Cox)

This Indenture made the Twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety five Between John Bailey and Winfred Bailey his wife Charles Bell and Winfred C Bell his wife Bendict Wright and Mary Wright his wife Robert Hudson and Ann B Hudson his wife and Thomas Bell and Hannah Bell his wife all of the State of Virginia of the one part and Fleet Cox of the State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Bailey and Winefred his wife Charles Bell and Winefred C his wife Bendict Wright and Mary his wife Robert Hudson and Ann B. his wife and Thomas Bell and Hannah his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of Eight Pounds Current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Fleet Cox at and before the sealing and Delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge Have given granted Bargained and Sold and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell unto the said Fleet Cox and his Heirs one Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing by Estimation Twenty Acres be the same more or less situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish adjoining the Lands of Robert Carter Esquire Joseph Hagen Bennett McCoy and the Lands of the said Fleet Cox which said Twenty Acres of Land descended to John Bailey who is Brother of Vincent Smith Bailey Deceased and which said Winefred C Mary Ann B and Hannah B are the Daughters of Ann Rust who was the Sister and one of the Coheireses of the said Vincent Smith Bailey Deceased which said Twenty Acres Land with all houses outhouses Edifices Buildings yards, Gardens, orchards, ways, waters, watercourses Profits Commodities Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part or parcell thereof and also all Deeds Evidences and writings Touching or in any wise Appertaining the same or any part thereof To Have and to Hold the said Twenty Acres of Land and premises herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby Bargained and Sold with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Fleet Cox his Heirs or assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Fleet Cox his Heirs or assigns forever and the said John Bailey and Winfred his wife Charles Bell and Winefred C his wife Bendict Wright and Mary his wife Robert Hudson and Ann B his wife and Thomas Bell and Hannah his wife for themselves their Heirs or Assigns do Covenant promise and grant to and with the said Fleet Cox to warrant and forever defend the said Land and premisses herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby bargained and Sold with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Fleet Cox his heirs or assigns against the Claim of the said John Bailey and Winnefred his wife Charles Bell and Winefred C his wife Bendict Wright and Mary his wife Robert Hudson and Ann B. his wife and Thomas Bell and Hannah his wife and their heirs and assigns and against

the Claim of all and every other person or persons whatsoever. And that we will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the proper Cost and Charges of the said Fleet Cox his heirs or assigns make do and Execute or procure to be made done and Executed all and every such further and reasonable act and acts thing and things devises and assurances in the Law for the better and more perfect Conveying and assuring the said Lands and Premises hereinbefore mentioned or intended to be hereby Bargained and sold with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Fleet Cox his Heirs and Assigns as by the said Fleet Cox his Heirs or assigns or his or their Council Learned in the Law shall be reasonably required In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered In presence of us	)	John Bailey
Henry Self	)	Winifred Bailey
Peter P Cox		Charles Bell
Lydnor Bailey		Winefred C. Bell
John Cox		Benedict Wright
		Robert Hudson
		Ann B. Hudson
		Thos. Bell Jur
		Hannah Bell

Received February 24th 1795

Of Fleet Cox Eight Pounds Current money Virginia in full for the Consideration within mentioned Recd p us

Test	John Bailey
Henry Self	Winifred Bailey
Peter P Cox	Charles Bell
Lydnor Bailey	Winifred C Bell
John Cox	Benedict Wright
James Bailey	Molli Wright
James Cox	Robert Hudson
	Ann B Hudson
	Thomas Bell Jun
	Hannah Bell

Memorandum That on the 24 day of February 1795 John Bailey and Winifred his wife Charles Bell and Winifred his wife Bendict Wright and Molley his wife Robert Hudson and Ann his wife and Thomas Bell and Hannah his wife made Livery and Seizen of the Lands and appurtenances within mentioned unto the within named Fleet Cox in the name of the whole Lands and appurtenances within granted bargained and Sold according to the tenor form and Effect of the within Deed

Henry Self
Peter P Cox
Lydnore Bailey
John Cox
James Bailey

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22nd day of June 1795

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale Together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seizen and Receipt thereon endorsed was proved by the oath of Henry Self a Witness thereto and the same having been before proved at march Court last by Peter P Cox and Lydnor Bailey and Acknowledged by Benedict Wright and Thomas Bell Junior and Ordered to be Recorded &c

Examined	Teste
	Jas. Bland CWC"

On June 24, 1799, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/18, Benedict Wright purchased from Robert and Barbary Harrowood 40 acres of land known as Hamilton Hall:

"Harrowood)
To)
Wright)

Know All men by these Presents that I Robert Harrowood and Barbary Harrowood my wife of Baltimore County and State of Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds lawfull money paid me by Benedict Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia the receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge do hereby give grant bargain sell and Convey unto the said Bennedict Wright, his heirs and assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land in the County of Westmoreland Known by the name of Hamilton Hall situate as followeth. Beginning at a hickory Tree on the water side it being a branch of Yeocomoco leding a Southwest coast up to lees mill and runing about a Northwest Coast unto a marked red oak and from thence runing the same Coast unto another marked red Oak and then runing about a north east coast unto the Orriginal line dividing the land of Hamilton Hall from the land of Robert Hudsons formerly the Land of Vincent Rusts, takeing in the Warehouse lott and then runing the said line of Marked trees unto a branch dividing said land from the land of Peter P. Cox runing down said branch unto the Creek, and binding on the said water unto the Beginning Hickory Trees containing forty acres more or less. To have and to hold the said granted and bargained premisses with the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereof to him the said Bennedict Wright his heirs and assigns forever to his and their use and behoof forever and I the said Robert Harrowood and Babary Harrowood my wife for ourselves our heirs Exors and Admors do Covenant with the said Bennedict Wright his heirs and Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premisses

that they and free of all incumbrances, that we have good right to sell and Convey the same to the said Bennedict Wright to hold as aforesaid and that we will Warrant and Defend the same to the said Bennedict Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and Demands of all persons. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord 1799

Signed Sealed & Delivd	)	Robert Harrowood
In Presence of us	)	Barbarey Harrowood
J: W: Wright		
William Porter younger		
Edmund Walker		

Recd. June 24th 1799 of Bennedict Wright the within Consideration of two hundred pounds it being full satisfaction for the Within Premisses. As Witness my hand this day and year first above Written

Teste	Robert Harrowood
J W Wright	
Wm Porter younger	
Edmund Walker	

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of Augt. 1799 The aforegoing deed from Robert Harrowood to Bennedict Wright was proved by the Oaths of J. W Wright, William Porter and Edmund Walker three of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Jos: Fox Junr C.W.C."

The 1799 through 1807 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with 40 acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 20/18.

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850 by Stratton Nottingham listed the marriage bond of Benedict Wright and Hannah Claughton on December 23, 1807, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Benedict & Hannah Claughton 23 Dec. 1807, George M. Wright sec."
This record indicates that Mary (Rust) Wright had died before December 23, 1807.

No tax lists were taken in 1808.

The 1809 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with 40 acres of land.

On October 14, 1809, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.B. 22/21, Benedict

Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by William M. Walker to secure a debt due to Benedict Lamkin.

The 1810 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with 40 acres of land.

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with the following household:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Benedict Wright	1	26-45	1	16-26		
	1	0-10	1	0-10		

This record indicates that Benedict Wright was born between 1765 and 1784 and that Hannah (Claughton) Wright was born between 1784 and 1794.

On January 29, 1811, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/204, Benedict Wright and other heirs of Vincent Rust sold to Robert Hudson 20 acres of land:

"Bell and others)
to)
Hudson)

This Indenture made and entered into this 29th day of Jany 1811 Between Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George V Hudson & Thomas Bell of the one part and Robert Hudson of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of One thousand pounds of Crop Tobacco and Cask, to the said Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George V Hudson and Thomas Bell in hand paid by the said Robert Hudson at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof We doth hereby acknowledge and thereof doth release and acquit and discharge the said Robert Hudson his heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever by these presents, We the said Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George V Hudson and Thomas Bell Have bargained Sold and Confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Robert Hudson his heirs Executors, Administrators and Assigns Twenty Acres of Land Scituate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and Cople parish, the said tract of Land being a part of a tract of Land formerly belong'd unto Mr. Vincent Rust decd. Bounded as follows, begining at a Holly tree and runing a line of marked trees down to the Creek, between this sd tract of Land and the Land of Benedict Lamkins Land, and down the said Creek unto the Land of George V. Hudsons and up the line of the said Hudson's Land, making nearly a straight line, to the sd Holly tree - We the said Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George V. Hudson & Thomas Bell Have granted, bargained,

Sold and Confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Robert Hudson his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns the said tract of Land Containing twenty Acres more or less, bounded as above mentioned - We the said Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George V. Hudson and Thomas Bell doth by these presents doth for themselves and their Heirs Acknowledge the said tract of Land and premises with the Appurtenances thereof unto the said Robert Hudson his heirs &c forever As Witness our hands and Seals the day and year first written.

Signed Sealed and deli-)	Charles Bell
vered in the presence of)	Benedict Wright
John King	George V Hudson
William King	Tho: Bell
Samuel King	
Samuel J Booth	

29th Jany 1811. Recd. of Robert Hudson the within mentioned Quantity of Tobacco - Given under our hands.

Charles Bell
Benedict Wright
George V Hudson
Tho: Bell

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22nd day of April 1811.

The foregoing Deed and receipt from Charles Bell, Benedict Wright, George Hudson and Thomas Bell to Robert Hudson were fully proved by the oaths of John King, William King and Samuel King three of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jos Fox Cl. Cur."

The 1811 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with one parcel of 40 acres of land.

The 1812 through 1820 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with one parcel of 225 acres of land. The document by which Benedict Wright acquired this 225 acre parcel has not as yet been identified.

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
Benedict Wright	1	45+	1	45+	
	1	16-26	1	26-45	
	1	0-10	1	16-26	
			2	0-10	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
8			1	45+
			2	26-45
			2	14-26
			4	0-14

<u>Slaves Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other Persons</u>
2	45+					
1	14-26					
1	0-14					

This record indicates that Benedict Wright was born before 1775.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Benedict Wright as a son of Francis Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

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- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only

children and heirs at law

....”

The 1821 through 1824 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 175 acres. The document by which Benedict Wright acquired the 175 acre parcel has not as yet been identified.

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including Benedict Wright:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife	Plts
vs	
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by George M Wright assigned their guardian	Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eighths of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that

one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated”

The 1825 and 1826 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 175 acres.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Benedict D. Wright as a son of Francis Wright.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court entered the following order:

“This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.
J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be

summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: "On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto." On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M'Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.

. . . ."

This record identifies Francis Wright as the father of Benedict Wright.

The 1827 through 1828 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 175 acres.

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. The full text of the complaint is set forth above in Section I.C.4.a regarding 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County.

On May 21, 1828, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/162, Benedict Wright and his wife Hannah Wright sold to James Kelley, Sr., 92 acres of land:

"This Indenture made this twenty-first day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Between Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife of the County of Westmoreland of the One part and James Kelley senr. of the County of Somerset State of Maryland of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife for and in Consideration of the sum of five hundred & fifty Dollars to them in hand paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeofed and confirmed and doth by these presents give grant bargain sell alien enfeof and confirm unto the said James Kelley senr his heirs and assigns forever all that Certain tract or piece of land

lying and being in the County of Westmoreland Containing Ninty two acres one rood three poles be the same more or less agreeable to a survey made by Mr. Charles L Bell and bounded as follows begining at a red Oak & runing with Wrights line fence S 49 W 82 poles a ditch on the W. side of the road leading to Hamilton Hall thence S 47 degrees E 90-5/10 poles down said ditch to the head of a branch thence a S.E. corse down the branch to the creek thence along said Creek N 2 E 12-5/10 poles thence up the remains of an Old ditch N 54 W 19 poles to an oak stump thence N 27 E 18 poles to a maple thence up and old ditch & fence N 43 W 154 poles to the begining the line between said land & Hamilton Hall tract of land together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and to Hold unto the said James Kelley senr. his heirs and assigns forever the said tract or piece of land together with all and singular the premises priviledges and appertenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. And the said Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract or piece of land together with all and singular the premises and appertenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said James Kelly Senr. his heirs and assigns free from the claims of the said Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife and their heirs and from the claim or claims of persons or persons whatsoever Shall Will and does by these presents warrant and forever defend, for an in Consideration of the further sum of Two hundred Dollars, Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife this day and date above mentioned sold to James Kelly senr. his heirs and assigns a certain tract or piece of Land lying in the County aforesaid Know by the name of Hamilton Hall and bounded as follows begining at the Creek and Corner of Lamkin and runing N 2 E thence N 54 W. up an Old ditch to and Old Oak Stump thence N 27 E to a maple Corner on the side of a gully thence N 43. W up to the spring branch of Benedict Wright thence down the several meanders of said branch to the creek thence up said Creek to the begining - Containing by estimation forty two Acres be the same more or less together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any Wise appertaining To Have and to Hold unto the said James Kelley senr. his heirs and assigns forever the said tract or piece of land together with all and singular the premises priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the said Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract or piece of land, together with all and singular the premises and appertenances thereto belonging or in any Wise appertaining unto the said James Kelly his heirs and assigns free from the Claims of the said Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife and their heirs

In Testimony Whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above Written

Signed, seald, and deli-)	Benedict Wright
vered In the presence of)	Hannah Wright
Robert Bailey	
Peter C Claughton	
Robt H Chowning	

Fleet Cox

Westmoreland County to Wit -

We Fleet Cox & Robert Bailey Justices of the peace in the aforesaid County do hereby Certify that Hannah Wright the Wife of Benedict Wright parties to a Certain deed bearing date the twenty first day of May One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight & hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Hannah Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had Willingly signed sealed & delivered the same & that she Wished not to retract it

Given under Our hands & Seals the 23 day of May 1828.

Fleet Cox
Robert Bailey

At a court of quarterly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 23rd day of March 1829

This deed from Benedict Wright and Hannah his Wife to James Kelly senior having been presented in Open Court on the __ day of May 1828, and proved by the Oaths of Robert Bailey and Fleet Cox two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto was lodged for further proof and now on this day being further and fully proved by the Oath of Peter C. Claughton the Other subscribing Witness thereto is together with the Certificate of the privy examination of Hannah Wright Ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Jno Graham C.W.C."

The 1829 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 175 acres.

The 1830 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 83½ acres, reflecting the sale of 92 acres by Westmoreland County Deed 25/162.

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Benedict Wright	1	50-60	1	40-50
	1	10-15	1	20-30
	1	0-5	2	15-20
			1	5-10

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	36-55	1	55-100				
2	10-24	1	36-55				
2	0-10	2	24-36				
		1	10-24				
		3	0-10				

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
21					

<u>Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing</u>			
<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>

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This record indicates that Benedict Wright was born between 1770 and 1780 and in conjunction with the 1820 Census between 1770 and 1775.

The 1831 through 1834 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with two parcels of land, one for 225 acres and the other for 83½ acres.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with one parcel of 308½ acres of land, reflecting a consolidation of the

previously listed two parcels into one parcel.

On July 27, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 16/424, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Benedict Wright dated on July 3, 1833, was filed listing 18 slaves valued at \$4,030, 3 horses valued at \$80, oxen and cows worth \$144, and a long list of other personal property. This record indicates that Benedict Wright had died before July 3, 1833, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

On August 24, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 16/466, an account of sales of the estate of Benedict Wright dated July 3, 1833, was filed showing sales to Hannah Wright of \$120.42, to Mottrom M. Wright of \$49.51, and to others for total sales of \$284.66 and a second account of sales of the estate of Benedict Wright dated October 22, 1833, showing sales to Hannah Wright of \$336.34³/₄, to Mottrom M. Wright of \$110.25, and to others for total sales of \$688.38¹/₂.

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November 26, 1833, was filed:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

Rachel	"	age 85	Years	
Lucy	"	65	Ditto	
Amelia	"	59	Ditto	\$.cts
George	"	58	Ditto	150.00
Bill	"	45	"	350.00
Harry	"	45	"	300.00
Tom	"	35	"	450.00
John	"	30	"	480.00
Washington	"	25	"	500.00
Aaron	"	25	"	500.00
Lunsford	"	20	"	500.00
Lansune	"	18	"	500.00
Harriet & child	"	33	"	350.00
Sarah	"	24	"	350.00
Mary	"	12	"	250.00
Henry	"	7	"	200.00
Martha	"	4	"	125.00
Sam	"	3	"	100.00
Peter	"	6	"	175
			1/3	\$5280.00
			Widow's part	1760.00

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each child's part 3520.00
\$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$

Bill	\$350	
Tom	450 }	
Aaron	500 }	The Widows Lot
Harriet & child	350 }	
Matthew	125 }	
	\$1775	
	1760	Widows portion
	15	Amt over the widow's part.

Mottrom M Wright	James Wright	Ann Wright
Lot No 1	Lot No 2	Lot No 3
George 150	Harry 300	John 480
Sarah 350	Mary 250	Sam 100
\$500.00	\$550	\$580

Betsey Wright	Mary Tapscott	Frances Wright
No 4	No 5	No 6
Washington \$300.00	Lunsford 500	Lansane \$500
	Henry 200	Peter 175
	\$700	\$675

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26th Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them_____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

David B. Taylor
Robert Bailey
William King

Bendt. Walker

Virginia

At a Court of quarterly Sessions continued and held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of November 1833.

On the motion of Hannah Wright It is ordered that Robert Bailey, Benedict Walker, David B. Taylor, and William King do allot to her one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ded. also divide the other two thirds amongst the heirs of the said Wright.

A Copy Teste,
William Huff C.C.

Virginia

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of July 1835.

This report of the division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright Decd was returned and ordered to lie for exceptions.

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Received and Examined this 1st day of October 1835.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.C."

This record identifies the heirs of Benedict Wright as follows:

Wife: Hannah Wright

Children:

- 1) Mottrom M. Wright,
- 2) James Wright,
- 3) Ann Wright,
- 4) Betsey Wright,
- 5) Mary (Wright) Tapscott, and

6) Frances Wright.

The 1836 and 1837 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Benedict Wright with one parcel of 308½ acres of land, reflecting the death of Benedict Wright in 1833.

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court entered the following order:

“Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

‘Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

....

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

....’

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright, who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.

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This record identifies Benedict Wright as a son of 1776 Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis.

The 1838 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Benedict Wright with one parcel of 308½ acres of land.

On March 1, 1838, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/404, Enoch

G. Jeffreys, Elizabeth Jeffreys, and Francis W. Wright sold to W. J. Courtney 1½ acres of land formerly owned by the late Benedict Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 1st day of March 1838 between Enoch G Jeffreys Elizabeth Jeffreys his wife & Francis W Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and William J Courtney of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said E G Jeffreys & Elizabeth his Wife and F W Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Nine dollars to them in hand paid By the said W J Courtney the receipt whereof is Hereby Acknowledged by the said Jeffreys wife & Wright for themselves and their Heirs have this day Bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly bargain sell and deliver unto the said William J Courtney and his Heirs forever a certain messuage or peace of land lying on the main road leading to Kinsale near the sign bord Leading to Smithers Mill and Being in the County aforesaid Adjoining the land of W P Courtney & Jeremiah Thrift up to a hickey tree Containing an area of One & a half acres more or less and being the land formerly Held by George V C Hudson & then by Benedict Wright Late of the said County to have and to hold the said Messuage peace of Land unto him the said W J Courtney his Heirs and assigns forever to Gether with all & singular the privileges the appurtenances Houses out houses ways & Water Courses thereto belonging or in any wise Appertaining in fee simple and said E G Jeffreys & wife and F W Wright doth hereby warrant and defend the right of said land free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and all other persons whatsoever in testimony whereof we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and seals this day And year as above written signed sealed and Ackd

In the presents of
Jeremiah Jeffreys

Francis W Wright
Enoch G Jeffreys

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 25th day of June 1838

This deed from Enoch G Jeffreys and Elizabeth his wife and Francis W Wright to William J Courtney was this day presented in my office acknowledged by the said Jeffries and Wright and admitted to record

Teste
William Hutt CC

Recorded and examined 26" June 1838

Teste
William Hutt CC"

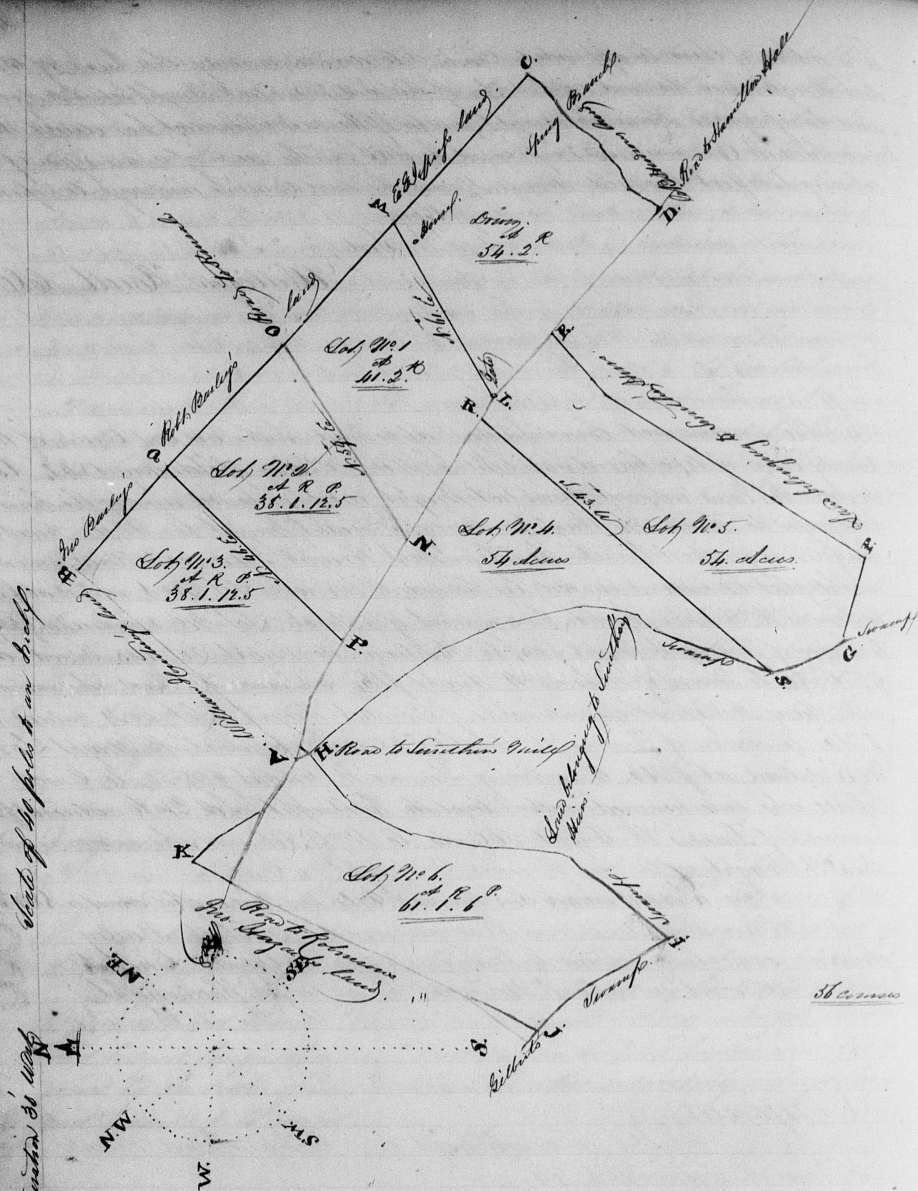
The 1839 through 1844 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Benedict Wright with one parcel of 308½ acres of land

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright



Westmoreland County, May 10th 1891.

Surveyor plotted calculated and divided the above figures of land lying in the County of Maryland belonging to the heirs of Benedict Wright deed. Bounded as follows: Beginning at A. the corner of John & Catharine's fence near the sign board leading to Kenada & Smathers mill and running thence with Catharine's line A 43° 42' 23 poles to B. a stab opposite a fence & Cedar corner to the premises and John Bailey thence with John & Robert Bailey's line S 45° 46 poles thence S 48° 46 poles thence S 45° 46 poles to the inland road leading to Kenada thence S 45° 38' E 153.8 poles to

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Westmoreland County, May 10" 1841,

Surveyed platted calculated and divided the above figure of land lying in the County aforesaid belonging to the heirs of Benedict Wright decd, Bounded as follows, Beginning at A the corner of Wm J Courtneys fence near the sign board directing to Kensale & Smithers mill and running thence with Courtneys line N 43° & 23 poles to B. a stob opposite a pine & Cedar Corner to the premises and John Bailey thence with John & Robert Baileys line S 46° E 46 poles Thence S 48° E 46 po. thence S 46° E 37 po. to the main road leading to Kinsale thence S 45° 38' E 153.8 po. to C. a red oak corner to the premises C. B. Hudson & side line to E G. Jeffries, thence with Hudsons line S $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 8 po. thence S $48\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 8 po. to a swamp (Mr Wrights spring run) thence across the swamp up a flat & run S 63° W 10.9 po. thence S 37° W 16 po. thence S 60° W 7 po. thence S $52\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 9 po. thence S $68\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 8 po. thence S 32° W 13.5 po. to D, the middle of the road leading to Hamilton Hall, Corner to the premises C B Hudson & Side line to Smithers heirs, thence up the road N $18\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 70 po. to E in the main road Corner to Smithers heirs thence S 49° W 35 po. thence S 33° W 127.3 po. to F. a marked white oak Corner to this in Smithers line thence N $72\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 36 po. to G. the center of the swamp corner to this in Smithers line thence up the swamp N 31° W 22.4 po. thence N $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 14 po. thence N 36° E 13 po. thence N $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 16 po. thence N $18\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 22 po. thence N 38° E 12 po. thence N $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 20 po. thence N $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 40 po. thence N $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 24 po. thence N $30\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 14 po, thence N $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 60 po. to H, the main road leading to Smithers mill thence S $56\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 6 po. thence S 48° W 10 po. thence S. 50 W 12 po. thence S $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 28 po thence S $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 34 po. thence S 3° W 26 po. thence S 27° W 25 po thence S 47° W 34.7 po, to I. at Gilberts swamp, corner to this & Presley Cox's heirs thence up the swamp N 33° W 32 po. thence N 15° W 7 po. thence N 36° W 12 po. thence N $59\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 10 po. thence N 26° W 5.2 po to J, corner to this & John Hazard, thence with Hazzards line N $30\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 32 po thence N 24° E 26 po. thence N $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 18 po. thence N 26° E 12 po thence N $29\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 72.4 po. to K, Corner to this in Wm J Courtneys line thence with Courtneys line S $46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 12 po. thence S $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 24 po. thence S $56\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 25.4 po to the Beginning, containing an area of Three hundred and forty two acres $4\frac{1}{2}$ poles.

James W. English Sr

The red lines and letters show the division lines and Corners.

L M is the line between the widows dower and Francis W Wright, L poplr M is at E, G Jeffries's 2 line

N.O. is the line between Francis W Wright & E G Jeffries, The road to Kinsale

P.Q. is the line between E G Jeffriess & L Dix P. is a stob, 2 is a marked Cedar P is 50 po from Kinsale road

R.S. is the line between E G. Jeffriess & James W. Wright R a stob 10 poles

from gate S. Holly at the swamp.

J. W. English

Virginia,

At a court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of February 1844.

This report and Division of the estate of Benedict Wright decd, was returned and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examining

Teste,
William R Lisson DC"

This record identifies the family of Benedict Wright as follows:

Wife: Hannah Wright

Children: 1) Francis W. Wright,
 2) Mottrom M. Wright,
 3) James M. Wright,
 4) Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries, and
 5) Ann W. (Wright) Robinson,

Grandchild: 1) Mary A. (Tapscot) Dix.

The 1845 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list the estate of Benedict Wright, but did list Hannah Wright with 54½ acres described as dower land, reflecting the division and allotment in 1843.

On January 30, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/137, Hannah Wright purchased from her son in law and daughter William B. and Anne M. Robinson 250 acres of land known as Messick's:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of Jany 1846 Between William B. Robinson and Ann M. his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and Hannah Wright of the county and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Wm B Robinson and Ann M his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Hannah Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by them the said Wm B Robinson and Ann M his wife and for themselves and their heirs have

Bargained soled and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly Bargain Sell and deliver unto her the said Hannah Wright and her heirs and assigns forever A certain peice or parcel of the Land purchased by me of Mary E Newton called Messick's and bounded as follows (Viz) Beginning at a marked Red oak on the east side of the road leading to P. Coxes' Mill S 75-1/2 E 26.4 poles S. 58-3/4 E 75 poles to B. a point in said road near a read oak on the north side of the road thence along a line of marked trees S 36-1/4 W 75.2 poles to G a Mulberry Stake the cornfield near the House thence along an irregular line of Marked trees S 61° E 191.2 poles to D a hickory in the line of P. Cox's heirs thence S 57° W 27.1 poles to a marked pine in a Gully thence down said Gully and branch a line of marked trees to the Junction of said Swamp with an other at a Marked holley thence down the branch a line of marked trees to a willow at P. Coxe's Mill pond thence up said pond to G a point on Downing Cox's Mill down near the Mill house thence along the said dam and around the pond and up Walkers Swamp to H, a point in said swamp thence up said swamp and branch to a double bodied marked Gum thence N 28° E along a line of marked to a stake in the field thence N 7-1/2 E 20.7 poles to the beginning containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the said peice of Land herein set out and the appurtenances and privileges aforesaid which said right we do and will warrant and defend to the said Hannah Wright her heirs for ever against the claim or claimes of Our selves our heirs and all and every other person whatsoever In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 30 day of Jany 1846.

Signed Sealed & deli-	)	William B. Robinson
vered in presence of us	)	Ann M Robinson

Westmoreland County to wit:

We Walter Bowie and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Ann M Robinson wife of Wm. B. Robinson parties to the within deed bearing date on the 30 day of Jany 1846 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Ann M Robinson acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declaired that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 30 day of Jany 1846

Walter Bowie
Bendt Walker

Westmoreland County to wit

We Walter Bowie and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace for said County in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Wm B Robinson and Ann M Robinson

Parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 30 of Jany 1846 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in ounty aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be there act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court that the said deed may be recorded.

Given under our hands & Seals this 30 of January 1846.

Walter Bowie
Bendt. Walker

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 23d day of February 1846.

This deed from William B. Robinson and Ann M. his wife to Hannah Wright was this day received in my office and with the certificates of acknowledgment and privy examination annexed thereto admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined.

Teste
William R Sisson DC"

On May 5, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/306, Hannah Wright sold back to William B. Robinson the 250 acres of land purchased by Westmoreland County Deed 32/137:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 6 May 1846, between Hannah Wright of the County of Westmoreland & state of Virginia of the One part Wm B Robinson of the County and state aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Hannah Wright for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to her in hand paid by the said Wm B Robinson at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by her the said Hannah Wright and for her self and her heirs have bargained sold & delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly bargain sell and deliver unto him the said Wm B Robinson and his heirs forever a certain peace of land parce of the tract whereon the said Wm B Robinson now resides together with all the privileges and appertenances thereto belonging the said piece of land Known by name of Messocks and bounded as follows, Beginning at a red Oak on the dich thence S 75-1/2 E 27 poles S 58-3/4° E 75 poles to B. a point in said road near a red oak on the north side of the road thence along a line of marked trees S 36-1/4° W 75.2 poles to C. a mulbary stake in the corn field thence along an erregular line of marked trees S 61° E 191.2 poles to a hickory, thence S 57

W 21.1 poles to a marked pine in a gully thence down said gully & branch a line of marked trees to the junction of this swamp with another at a marked holly, thence down the branch a line of marked trees to a willow at Cox's mill pond thence up said pond to G. a point on Downing Cox's mill dam near the mill house thence along the said dam and around the pond and up Walkers swamp to H. a point in said swamp thence up the meanderings of said swamp to a double bodied gum in the head of said swamp thence N 28° E along a line of marked trees to a stob in the field thence N 7-1/2° E 20.7 poles to the begining containing an arrear of two hundred & fifty acres be the same more or less togeather with all the appertenances privileges &c thereto belonging which said wright and title I do and will warrent and defend unto him the said Wm B Robinson his heirs forever against the claime or clames of myself my heirs and all and every Other person whatsoever

Signed Sealed and deli-) Hannah Wright
vered in presents of)
Wm Middleton
Jos. Wheelwright

Westmoreland Coy to wit:

We William Middleton & Joseph Wheelwright justices of the peace for the said county in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Hannah Wright party to a certain deed bearing date on the 6" day of May 1846, and hearto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court that the said deed may be recorded

Given under Our hands & seals this 13" May 1846.

Wm Middleton
Jos: Wheelwright

Westmoreland County Court Clerk's Office 6th May 1847. This deed from Hannah Wright to William B Robinson, was this day presented in my Office and lodged for the payment of the tax imposed by law, And on the 13" day of May 1847, the tax being paid, the said deed is together with the Certificate of acknowledgment endorsed thereon admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1846 through 1850 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Hannah Wright with 54½ acres described as dower land transferred from B. Wright estate.

The 1850 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed Hannah Wright in the James W. Wright household on August 6, 1850, and her age as 65 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1785.

Hannah (Claughton) Wright has not as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding Benedict Wright:

"Benedict Wright (1775-bef. 1841)

Benedict Wright, along with his brother, William W., was a plaintiff in *Wright v. Oldham*, concerning the land of his Middleton grandfather, and much of his land stemmed from the belated outcome of that controversy.

As stated at the outset, the Wrights made fortuitous marriages. The final one was Benedict's marriage to Mary Rust, daughter of Vincent Rust and Anne Bailey.⁷⁰⁰ Vincent Rust's will left half of his land along Rt. 202, est of Kinsale to his grandson, George Vincent Cox Hudson. He then devised to Vincent Rust Payne Wright, "son of Benedict & Molly (Mary Rust) Wright all the rest of my land lying on the east side of said road from Hamilton Hall Gate upwards."⁷⁰¹

Benedict Wright died around 1833, apparently without a will. He left six children.⁷⁰² The 1850 Land Book shows his heirs with about 600 acres, about half of which probably came from *Wright v. Oldham*.

In 1822 the Wright siblings went to court over the southwest quadrant which had been left to them under the will of Francis (2) Wright. It was tried in the District Court of Chancery, also known as the Superior Court of Chancery, sitting in Fredericksburg. The original file, *Wright v. Wright*, CR-SC-H, #286-16, is in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Fredericksburg. The suit is an absolute gold mine of information on the later Wrights and their relationships. The file contains the original wills and deeds that were involved, beginning with Richard (2) Wright's will. The file contains two wills of Francis Wright dated, proved and recorded on the same days. One dealt with other land and one was the general will. In one of the pleadings is the allegation by George Wright that Francis' will was not recorded until 1793 "for some reason not easily understood" and a claim that the Westmoreland records had burned. That was not true. At any rate the pleadings did give the date of Francis' death as early 1776, which is not in any record book. On March 26, 1827, exactly 50 years from the date Francis (2)'s will was proved, William Wright obtained the 176 acres in question.

Mr. Delano recalled there being an Eighteenth-Century house on the present

Sanford land, the old Wigginton-Southwest Quadrant in the 1742 Division. This would have been Locust Hill which was destroyed in 1982.⁷⁰³ A 1975 photograph of it shows a house that looks much like Locust Hall. From the Land Books of 1850-1860, Locust Hill appears to have passed from Francis W. Wright, son of Benedict Wright, to the Sydnor and Sanford families. Testimony in *Wright v. Wright*, stated that Francis (2) Wright and his son Presley, lived there for 45 years (1777), which does not agree with Francis' dying in 1776.

The Wright family is still in the area, including one branch from Benedict which has owned Gilberts since 1846."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Benedict Wright and his first wife Mary (Rust) Wright were the following:

1) Mottrom Middleton Wright, born in about 1800 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and

2) Mary E. (Wright) Tapscott, born between 1800 and 1804, and the children of Benedict Wright and his second wife Hannah (Claughton) Wright were the following:

1) Ann W. (Wright) Robinson, born in about 1811 or 1812 in Westmoreland County, Virginia,

2) Elizabeth C. "Betsey" (Wright) Jeffries or Jeffreys, born in about 1814 in Westmoreland County, Virginia,

3) Francis W. Wright, born in about 1814 or 1815 in Virginia, and

4) James W. Wright, born on July 14, 1825, or in about 1826 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

(I) 1853 Mottrom Middleton Wright Of
Westmoreland County, His Wife Malinda Ann
(Lamkin) Wright, And His Descendants
1853 Mottram Middleton Wright of

Westmoreland County was a son of 1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary (Rust) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

Marriages Of Richmond County, Virginia 1668-1853, compiled by George H. S. King, listed the marriage of Mottrom M. Wright and Malinda Lamkin on April 6, 1830, in Richmond County, Virginia:

"Wright, Mottrom M. and Malinda Lamkin, bond 6 April 1830. Charles L. Bell (b). MBB., p. 62"

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom M. Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>		<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>		<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>		<u>Age</u>
Motrom M Wright		1		30-40	1		20-30
<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	10-24	2	10-24				
1	24-36						

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
6					

<u>Slaves and Colored Persons,</u> <u>included in the foregoing</u>			
<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>

This record indicates that Mottrom Middleton Wright was born between 1790 and 1800 and that Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright was born between 1800 and 1810.

On March 28, 1831, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 27/470, Mottrom Wright purchased from William Wright the land on which Jane Wroe lived:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this 28th day of March 1831, between William Wright of the County of Westmoreland parrish of Cople of the One part and Mottrom Wright of the County and parish aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said William Wright for & in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Mottrom Wright at and and

before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by him the said William Wright and he doth hereby acquit and discharge the said Mottrom Wright & his heirs forever of the same, and doth bargain and sell unto him the said Mottrom and his heirs forever all of his right title interest claim or demand in or to a certain tract or parcell of land Known to be the land where Jane Wroe lived and was Owned by her and of whome William Wright was one of the heirs at law and according the will of Benedict Middleton deceased, To Have and to Hold all and singular the aforesaid land and premises including houses &c &c and all and every part or parcell thereof free from the Claim or Claims of him the the said William Wright and his heirs forever, to which he the said William Wright doth warrant and defend the title unto him the said Mottrom and his heirs forever - In Testamoney whereoff he the said William doth hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written

Signed, seald delivered)
and acknowledged in)
presence of us)

William Wright

Virginia,

At a Court of quarterly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of August 1833, This deed from William Wright to Mottram Wright, was acknowledged in Open Court by the said William Wright and Ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt CWC

Recorded and examined the 3d day of September 1833,

Teste,
William Hutt CWC"

As set forth below, the Land Tax Lists for William Wright indicate that this was a parcel of 50 acres.

The 1834 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom Wright with 50 acres of land and the remarks stated it was the land transferred from J. Wroe by a deed from William Wright.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom Wright with 50 acres of land.

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November

26, 1833, was filed which listed Mottrom M. Wright as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

....

Mottrom M Wright		James Wright		Ann Wright	
Lot No 1		Lot No 2		Lot No 3	
George	150	Harry	300	John	480
Sarah	350	Mary	250	Sam	100
	<u>\$500.00</u>		<u>\$550</u>		<u>\$580</u>

Betsey Wright		Mary Tapscott		Frances Wright	
No 4		No 5		No 6	
Washington	\$300.00	Lunsford	500	Lansane	\$500
		Henry	200	Peter	175
			<u>\$700</u>		<u>\$675</u>

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26th Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them _____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66²/₃ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66²/₃ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66²/₃ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66²/₃ and also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66²/₃ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

....

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

...."

The 1836 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom Wright with 50 acres of land.

On September 9, 1836, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/167, Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin, and James L. Lamkin purchased from Thomas B. and Susan C. Balch 560 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made the 9th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six Between Thomas B. Balch and Susan C. his wife of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia of the one part and Mottrom M Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin of the County of Westmoreland and State aforesaid of the other part: Witnesseth that whereas the said Thomas B Balch and Susan C. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Mottrom M Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin, the receipt whereof the said Thomas B. Balch and Susan C. his wife do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain sell and convey unto the said Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin, and James L. Lamkin their heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia containing by a survey made by William Webb on the 10th day of November, 1835, Five hundred and sixty acres be the same more or less, the boundaries of which may be seen by reference to the plat & report of the survey of the same attached hereto - Which said tract or parcel of land is a part of lots No. 2 which were allotted to the said Thomas B. Balch in right of his said wife Susan C. (who was Susan C. Carter) in the division of the real estate of Charles B. Carter decd (her Father) which will more fully appear by reference to the Commissioners Report of the division of the same of record in the Clerk's Office of Richmond County Court dated the 6th day of October, 1828 - To have and To Hold the said Tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances thereto belonging to them the said Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin their heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the Said Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin their heirs and assigns forever. And the said Thomas B Balch and Susan C. his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrator do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Mottrom M Wright, Lewis A L Lamkin and James L. Lamkin their heirs and assigns that they the said Thomas B. Balch and Susan C. his wife and their heirs the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances unto the said Mottrom M Wright, Lewis A L Lamkin and James L. Lamkin their heirs and assigns against them the said Thomas B. Balch and Susan C. his wife and their heirs and against all persons whomsoever shall and will by these presents forever warrant and defend. In Witness whereof the said Thomas B. Balch and Susan C his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first in this Indenture written

Signed sealed and deli-)	Thomas B. Balch
vered in the presence of)	Susan C. Balch

County to wit,

We Rice Hooe & Dudley Fitzhugh Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Susan C. Balch the wife of Thomas B. Balch parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 9th day of Sept. 1836 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Susan B. Balch acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this ninth day of September eighteen hundred & thirty six

Rice Hooe
Dudley Fitzhugh

County to wit

We Rice Hooe and Dudley Fitzhugh Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Thomas B. Balch, a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 9 day of September and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in order that the said deed may be recorded.

Given under our hands & seals this 9th day of September eighteen hundred & thirty six.

Rice Hooe
Dudley Fitzhugh

Received the 17th day of November, 1836, of Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin the within mentioned consideration of one thousand one hundred and twenty dollars in full for the consideration of the within mentioned sold Land & premises

Teste,
Geo. Saunders

Thomas B. Balch

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 28th day of November, 1836.

This deed from Thomas B. Balch and wife to Mottrom M. Wright, Lewis A. L. Lamkin and James L. Lamkin was this day presented in my Office, and with the certificates of acknowledgement & privy examination and receipt thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,

William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined the 2d day of December, 1836

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1837 through 1840 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom or Mottram M. Wright with two parcels of 50 acres and 560 acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 29/167.

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottrom M. Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families		Free White Persons		Free White Persons			
		Males	Age	Females	Age		
Mottrom M Wright		1	40-50	1	30-40		
		1	15-20	1	10-15		
		1	5-10	1	5-10		
		1	0-5	1	0-5		
Free Colored Persons		Free Colored Persons		Slaves		Slaves	
Male	Age	Female	Age	Males	Age	Females	Age
				1	55-100	1	55-100
				1	10-24	1	36-55
				2	0-10	2	0-10

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
16		4				

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>		
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Blind</u>

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>		
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>
				<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

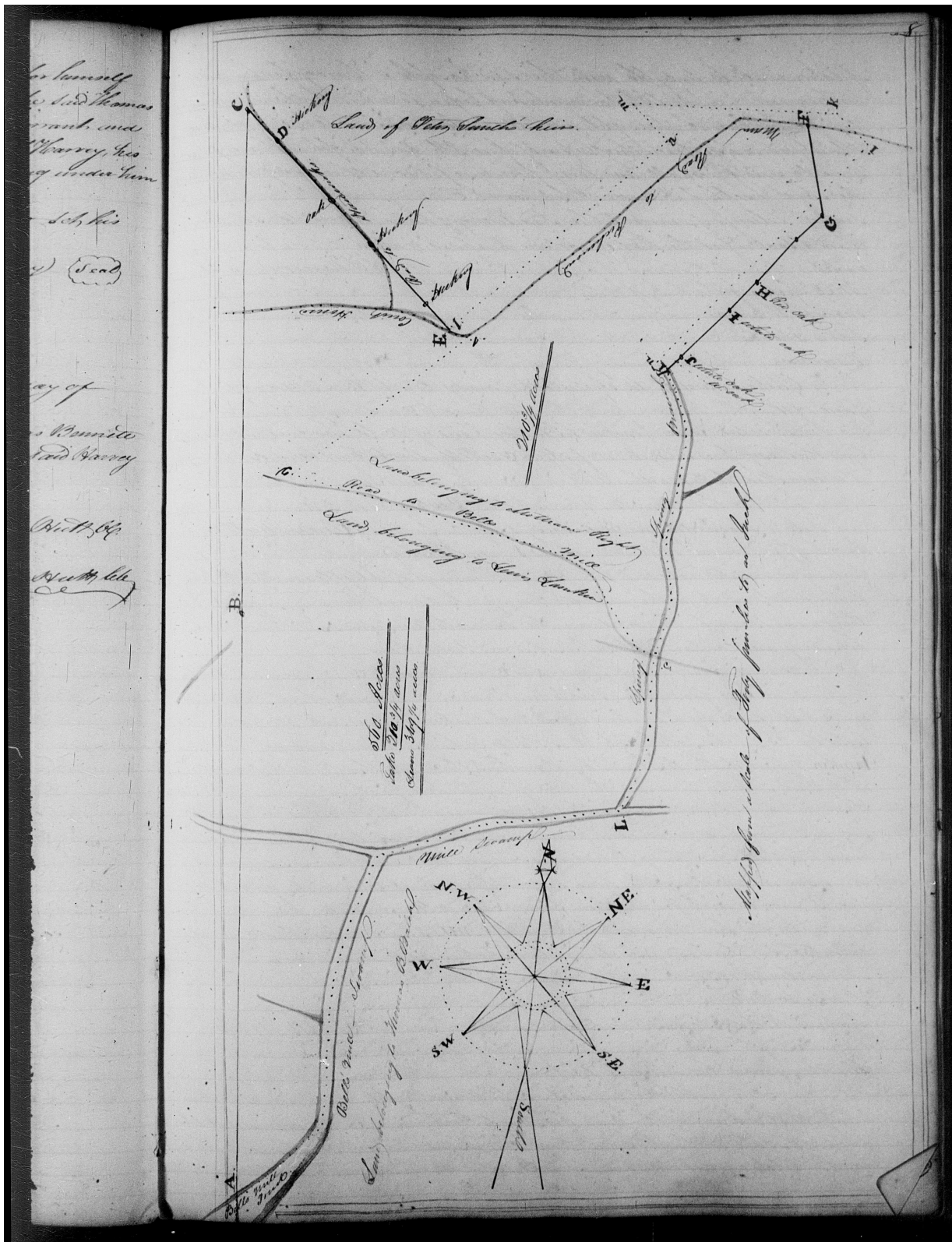
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<u>sities</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>mies &</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Scholars</u>
<u>or College</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Scholars</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>Scholars</u>	<u>at public</u>
		<u>Schools</u>		<u>Schools</u>		<u>charge</u>

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Mottrom Middleton Wright was born between 1790 and 1800 and that Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright was born between 1800 and 1810.

The 1841 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottrum M. Wright with two parcels of 50 acres and 560 acres of land.

On May 29, 1841, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/8, Mottrom M. Wright and Lewis A. L. Lamkin agreed to a division of the 560 acre tract purchased by Westmoreland County Deed 29/167 with the northern portion of 210¾ acres allocated to Mottrom M. Wright:



[Survey of 560 acres of land for Thomas B. Balch of which the above is a plat not transcribed]

Westmoreland County to wit -

At the request of Mottrom Right and Lewis Lamkin I began at a bend of the Road, leading to Richmond Court House, at the figure 1 in the within Plot, and Run S. 42°.15' W. 123.1 poles to 2, a large Cedar on an old ditch, on a Road leading to Bells Mill, thence, with the ditch and road S 81° E 141 poles to the end of the ditch, thence with the road S 69°.15' E 12 poles, S. 65° E. 18.1 poles to a small red Oak on the N. Side Sd. Road S 35°.30' E 23.8 poles to a Small Bor(?) Oak, on the N. Side of Sd. Road S. 26°.30' E. 112 poles, to a Small Red Oak S. 38°.30' E 11.15 poles, to a Spruce Pine S 27°.15' E. 7.4 poles to a Small Red Oak on the Side of sd. Road, thence S. 64°.15' E. 12 poles to 3 the center of Flemings Spring Branch, Cutting off to the north of the tract Two Hundred and Ten, and Three Quarters, Acres. September 29th 1840.

R. F. Omohunore S.W.C.

Memorandum -

We M. Wright and Lewis Lamkin, owners' of the within figure of land have & do hereby agree to the above division, M. Wright taking as his portion of the Land, the north of the Tract containing two Hundred Ten & Three fourths acres and Lewis Lamkin consenting to receive the bal. of the Tract, containing 349¼ acres as his portion.

Witness our hands & seals this 29th May 1841.

L. A L Lamkin
Mottrom Wright

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 29th day of May 1841.

The foregoing memorandum of Division between Lewis A. L. Lamkin and Mottram M. Wright, with the plat accompanying the same, was this day presented in my office acknowledged by the parties and admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1842 and 1843 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottram or Mottrum M. Wright with two parcels of 50 acres and $210\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land, reflecting the division of Westmoreland County Deed 31/8.

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 2 to Mottrom M. Wright:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

[Map Not Included]

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This record identifies Mottrom M. Wright as a son of Benedict Wright.

The 1844 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottrom M. Wright with two parcels of 50 acres and $210\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

The 1845 through 1849 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottrom M. Wright with three parcels of 50 acres, $210\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and $38\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land, reflecting the allocation of by Westmoreland County Deed 31/460 of Lot 2 from the Benedict Wright estate.

On December 22, 1849, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/238, Mottrom M. Wright purchased from William Middleton 13 acres of land in

Westmoreland County:

"This Indenture made this 22 day of December in the year of Our Lord 1849 Between William Middleton of the first part and Mottrom M Wright of the second part each of the County of Westmoreland & state of Virginia, Witnesseth, that the said William Middleton for and in Consideration of the sum of Forty dollars to him in hand paid by him the said Mottrom M. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by him the said William Middleton, and for himself and heirs have this day bargained, sold and delivered and by these presents do bargain, sell and deliver unto him the said Mottrom M. Wright and his heirs forever a certain tract and parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland on the northeast side of Fleming's spring branch and also on the North side of the branch from said Middleton's Meadow, Commencing at a stone in Benedict Walker's line, on the north side of said of said meadow on the high dry land about 15 yards to the brink of the low land of said branch, thence runing down on the north side of said branch leaving sufficient room for putting a fence on the high land from said branch so as to leave the whole swamp or meadow to him the said Middleton with its several meanderings about 55 pole to a large Cypress tree standing near where Flemings spring branch meets said branch, thence up said Flemings spring branch with its several meanderings about 78 pole to a marked white oak at the corner of B. Walker's land thence a straight line with said Walkers land to the begining at the head of said Middleton's meadow including as we suppose about thirteen acres of land be the same more or less together with all the growth of timber thereon to him the said Mottrom M. Wright and his heirs forever and I the said William Middleton, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Mottrom M. Wright that I will warrant a clear title in and to the aforesaid tract of land unto him the said Mottrom M. Wright and his heirs forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the aforesaid 22 day of December 1849

Signd sealed & acknd)
in the presence of us)
Bendt. Walker
L. A. L. Lampkin
Samuel Walker

Wm Middleton

Virginia:

Clerks Office of Westmoreland County Decr. 24th 1849 This deed of bargain and sale from William Middleton to Mottrom M Wright conveying real estate was on this day received in my office proved by the oath of B. Walker & and lodged for further proof and on the 23d of Decr. 1850, was further & fully proved by the oath of Saml. Walker and admitted to record.

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt Clk Cur

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.W.C."

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Motrom M. Wright with the following household on August 16, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Motrom M Wright	50	M		Farmer	1500
Malinda Wright	40	F		.	
Elizabeth Wright	19	F		.	
Theopholus Wright	17	M		Farmer	
Ann D Wright	13	F		.	
David M Wright	12	M		.	
Narcissar L. Wright	10	F		.	
Motrom U F Wright	8	M		.	
Joseph N Wright	6	M		.	
Parmenas E D Wright	5	M		.	
Paulina U Wright	1	F		.	

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Va				
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This record indicates that Mottrom Middleton Wright was born in about 1800 and that Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright was born in about 1810.

The 1850 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mottrom M. Wright with four parcels of 50 acres, 210³/₄ acres, 15 acres, and 38¹/₄ acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 33/238.

In his email dated June 8, 2008, Werter Gregory Wright III enclosed a

photograph of the tombstones of Mottrom M. Wright and Melinda Wright located in the Wright Family Cemetery near Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Mottrom M. Wright

Born 1800

Died Nov'r 20, 1853

He trusted in God, Served truth, practiced virtue, and left to his children a priceless inheritance of a good name.

Melinda Wright

[Remainder unreadable]"

The will of Mottram M. Wright was dated on November 8, 1853, probated on January 23, 1854, at R.&I.B. 35/47, and provided as follows:

"Westmoreland County To wit:

I, Mottram M. Wright, sond in mind, & knowing the uncertainty of life, doth make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following.

1st It is my will and desire that my wife Malinda A. Wright (after the payment of my Just debts & Funral expences) as long as she remains my widow, to have the use of my estate both real and personal and for the Joint benefit of my children, so long as they remain to geather in harmony & peace and each try to promote each others Interest.

2dly And it is my desire, if my wife die, before my younger children become Fourteen it is my wish for my Executors to retain a sufficiency of my estate in their hands for there Maintainence, untill they arrive to the age of Fourteen, and after this happening of those contingencys. Then I wish and equal distribution among my children that may then be aliving, or there heirs, of my estate. And in event of any of my children, should get married, or wish to go off to themselves, and my executors, with the consent of my widdow may give off to them any portion of my estate as they may think could be spared conveniently, in part of there proportion of my estate, and lastly, I hereby set apart, one eighth of and acre of land at my gate on the main road, in front of my house (runing with road from my gate North course & thence East & then south & then West, untill it form a square, joining the main road, which eight of and acre is never to be sold by any person, but to be reserved as a burying ground for me, and my family their heirs &c forever, and likewise for the use of my relations or my wife's and further it is my wish that the graveyard to be suited in to itself & set apart &c. and it is my wish and desire that my Friends James S. and Lewis A. S. Lamkin act as my Executors and see that the provisions thereof be carried out. Witness my hand and seal this 8" day of November 1853

Witness

Geo: W. Sydnor

Mottram M. Wright

L. A. S. Lamkin

Virginia

At a Court of Monthly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County, on Monday the 23d day of January 1854.

This instrument of writing purporting to be the true last will and testament of Mottram M. Wright decd. was this day presented in court, proved by the oath of Geo. W. Sydnor and L. A. S. Lamkin subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded thereupon James L. Lamkin and Lewis A. S. Lamkin the executors in the said will named appeared in court and refused to take upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof. And on the motion of Lewis A. L. Lamkin who made oath and with James L. Lamkin & Henry Beale his securities, executed and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$8000. conditioned &c. certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of the said Mottram M. Wright decd. in due form. And Saml. R. Thrift, Geo. W. Sydnor, Tho. Straughn, & James L. Lamkin any three of whom being sworn may act are appointed commissioners to appraise the said estate.

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.W.C.

Recorded and Examined

Teste
J. Warren Hutt C.W.C."

This record identifies the wife of Mottram Middleton Wright as Malinda A. Wright, but does not identify his children.

On September 13, 1855, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 21/643, an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Mottrom M. Wright dated June 21, 1854, was filed showing four slaves worth \$3150 and other assets of valued at \$592.31.

On January 22, 1855, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 21/627, an accounting of the estate of Mottrom M. Wright from December 1, 1853, was filed by Lewis A. L. Lamkin.

The 1860 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed M. Wright with the following household on August 22, 1860:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
M. Wright	51	F		Farmer	4000
E. Wright	29	F			
A. Wright	25	F			
D. Wright	23	M			
N. Wright	21	F			
J. Wright	19	M			
J. N. Wright	17	M			
P. Wright	14	M			
E. Wright	12	F			
R. Lamkin	5	F			

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
4600	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record indicates that Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright was born in about 1809.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Malinda A. Lamkin Wright in the Wright Family Burying Ground in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Malinda A. Lamkin Wright

Birth	1809 USA
Death	Mar 1868 (aged 58–59) Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Burial	Wright Family Burying Ground Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	77264924"

However, no photograph of the gravestone was provided.

The death record of Mary Elizabeth Clark dated on June 15, 1914, in Oldhams,

Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as Mottrom M. Wright, born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and Malinda A. Lamkin, born in Northumberland County, Virginia, and her birth on January 29, 1831, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

The death record of Joseph Nicana Wright dated on January 29, 1922, in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed his parents as Motrom M. Wright, born near Kinsale, Virginia, and Malinda Ann Lambkin, born near Callio, Virginia, and his birth on July 11, 1844, in Spring View, Westmoreland County, Virginia.

The death record of Norcisas Lamkin dated on December 9, 1926, in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as Mottrom Wright, born near Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, and Malinda Lampkin, born near Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, and her birth on August 22, 1839, in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia.

In his email dated October 5, 2009, J. T. Lamkin stated that Mottram Middleton Wright was born in about 1800, married Malinda Ann Lamkin on April 6 or 16, 1830, in Richmond County, Virginia, died on November 20, 1853, and was buried in the Wright Cemetery, Westmoreland County, Virginia, that Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright was born after October 29, 1811, in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, and that Mottram Middleton Wright and Malinda Ann (Lamkin) Wright had the following children:

- 1) David M. Wright, born in 1831,
- 2) Edwin Theopolis Wright, born on May 15, 1832, in Virginia,
- 3) Mary Elizabeth (Wright) Clark, born on January 29, 1832, in Virginia,
- 4) Anna (Wright) Dobyns, born on September 10, 1834, in Virginia,
- 5) Mottram Urban Fisker Wright, born on August 9, 1841, in Westmoreland County, Virginia,
- 6) Joseph Nicanah Wright, born on July 11, 1843, in Virginia,
- 7) Plamanas Enos Baxter Wright, born on December 25, 1846, in Virginia,
- 8) Eunice Pauline Wright, born in July 1848 in Virginia, and
- 9) Narcissa (Wright) Lamkin, born in about 1850 in Virginia.

(II) Mary E. (Wright) Tapscott, Her Husband
Robert H. Tapscott, And Her Descendants

Mary E. (Wright) Tapscott was a daughter of 1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary (Rust) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with one daughter age 0 to 10 in his household, indicating a date of birth between 1800 and 1810.

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Wright with one daughter age 16 to 26, indicating a date of birth between 1794 and 1804 and in conjunction with the 1810 Census between 1800 and 1804.

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Mary E. Wright and Robert H. Tapscott on May 9, 1822, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	Mary E. Wright
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	09 May 1822
Marriage Place	Westmoreland County, Virginia
Spouse	Robert H. Tapscott
FHL Film Number	34336
Reference ID	p70"

Robert H. Tapscott has not been found in the 1830 Census.

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November 26, 1833, was filed which listed Mary Tapscott as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

. . . .

Mottrom M Wright	James Wright	Ann Wright
Lot No 1	Lot No 2	Lot No 3
George 150	Harry 300	John 480
Sarah 350	Mary 250	Sam 100
\$500.00	\$550	\$580

Betsey Wright
No 4
Washington \$300.00

Mary Tapscott
No 5
Lunsford 500
Henry 200
\$700

Frances Wright
No 6
Lansane \$500
Peter 175
\$675

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26th Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them _____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

. . . .

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

. . . ."

Lancaster County, Virginia, Marriage Registers, 1715-1852, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Mary A. Tapscott, daughter of Robert H. Tapscott, and Lewis H. Dix on February 16, 1841, in Lancaster County, Virginia:

"Register of Marriages Lancaster County, Virginia

Date Of Bond	16 February 1841
Name Of Husband	Lewis H. Dix
Name Of Wife	Mary A. Tapscott
Parents Or Guardian Of Husband	.
Parents Or Guardian Of Wife	Robert H. Tapscott, father and guardian

Security And Witnesses

James E. Waddy, Samuel C. Tapscott"

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 4 to his granddaughter Mary A. Tapscott:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

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This record in conjunction with the marriage records set forth above indicate that Mary (Wright) Tapscot was a daughter of Benedict Wright, that she had married Robert H. Tapscott, and had died before December 4, 1843, leaving Mary A. (Tapscot) Dix as her heir.

Lancaster County, Virginia, Marriage Registers, 1715-1852, available from FamilySearch.org, listed the marriage of Lewis H. Dix and Kitty Ann Brownley on February 10, 1845, in Lancaster County, Virginia:

"Register of Marriages Lancaster County, Virginia

Date Of Bond	10 February 1845
Name Of Husband	Lewis H. Dix
Name Of Wife	Kitty Ann Brownley
Parents Or Guardian Of Husband	.
Parents Or Guardian Of	

Wife
Security And Witnesses

Benjamin Waddy"

This record indicates that Mary A. (Tapscott) Dix had died before February 10, 1845.

(III) Ann W. (Wright) Robinson, Her Husband
William B. Robinson, And Her Descendants

Ann W. (Wright) Robinson was a daughter of
1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Hannah (Claughton) Wright. (1655
Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a
report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November
26, 1833, was filed which listed Ann Wright as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

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Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

....

Mottrom M Wright	James Wright	Ann Wright
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Sarah 350	Mary 250	Sam 100
\$500.00	\$550	\$580

Betsey Wright	Mary Tapscott	Frances Wright
No 4	No 5	No 6
Washington \$300.00	Lunsford 500	Lansane \$500
	Henry 200	Peter 175
	\$700	\$675

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County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26" Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah
Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also
to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd
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could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded
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And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

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The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Ann M. Wright and William B. Robinson on February 29, 1836, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Robinson, William B. & Ann M. Wright 29 Feb. 1836, William R. McKenney sec."

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Ann M. Wright and William B. Robinson on February 29, 1836, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	William B. Robinson
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	29 Feb 1836
Marriage Place	Westmoreland County, Virginia
Spouse	Ann M. Wright
FHL Film Number	34336
Reference ID	p59"

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William B. Robinson with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Persons Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Persons Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
William B. Robinson	1	30-30	1	20-30
			1	15-20
			2	0-15

<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Persons</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Persons</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
						1	0-10

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri-</u> <u>culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture</u> <u>and trades</u>	<u>Navi-</u> <u>gation of</u> <u>the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of</u> <u>canals lakes</u> <u>and rivers</u>
6						

<u>Learned</u> <u>profes-</u> <u>sions and</u> <u>engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu-</u> <u>tionary or Military Services</u> <u>included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White</u> <u>Persons included in the Foregoing</u>			
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb</u>		<u>Blind</u>	
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>		

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In-</u> <u>sane White Persons Included</u> <u>in the Foregoing [Continued]</u> <u>Insane and Idiots</u>			<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored</u> <u>Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>			
			<u>Deaf, Dumb,</u> <u>and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>	
<u>Insane and</u> <u>idiots at</u> <u>public charge</u>	<u>Insane and</u> <u>idiots at</u> <u>private charge</u>		<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and</u> <u>idiots at</u> <u>private charge</u>	<u>Insane and</u> <u>idiots at</u> <u>public charge</u>

<u>Schools, &c.</u>						
<u>Univer-</u> <u>sities</u> <u>or College</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Students</u>	<u>Acade-</u> <u>mies &</u> <u>Grammar</u> <u>Schools</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u>	<u>Primary</u> <u>and</u> <u>Common</u> <u>Schools</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u> <u>at public</u> <u>charge</u>
				1	27	19

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that William B. Robinson and Ann M. (Wright) Robinson were born between about 1810 and 1820 and that William B. Robinson was operating a school.

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 6 to Ann W. (Wright) Robinson:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

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This record identifies Ann W. (Wright) Robinson as a daughter of Benedict Wright and confirms that she had married William B. Robinson before December 4, 1843.

On January 30, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/137, William B. and Anne M. Robinson sold to Anne's mother Hannah Wright 250 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of Jany 1846 Between William B. Robinson and Ann M. his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and Hannah Wright of the county and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Wm B Robinson and Ann M his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said Hannah Wright at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by them the said Wm B Robinson and Ann M his wife and for themselves and their heirs have Bargained soled and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly Bargain

Sell and deliver unto her the said Hannah Wright and her heirs and assigns forever A certain peice or parcel of the Land purchased by me of Mary E Newton called Messick's and bounded as follows (Viz) Beginning at a marked Red oak on the east side of the road leading to P. Coxes' Mill S 75-1/2 E 26.4 poles S. 58-3/4 E 75 poles to B. a point in said road near a read oak on the north side of the road thence along a line of marked trees S 36-1/4 W 75.2 poles to G a Mulberry Stake the cornfield near the House thence along an irregular line of Marked trees S 61° E 191.2 poles to D a hickory in the line of P. Cox's heirs thence S 57° W 27.1 poles to a marked pine in a Gully thence down said Gully and branch a line of marked trees to the Junction of said Swamp with an other at a Marked holley thence down the branch a line of marked trees to a willow at P. Coxe's Mill pond thence up said pond to G a point on Downing Cox's Mill down near the Mill house thence along the said dam and around the pond and up Walkers Swamp to H, a point in said swamp thence up said swamp and branch to a double bodied marked Gum thence N 28° E along a line of marked to a stake in the field thence N 7-1/2 E 20.7 poles to the beginning containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the said peice of Land herein set out and the appurtenances and privileges aforesaid which said right we do and will warrant and defend to the said Hannah Wright her heirs for ever against the claim or claimes of Our selves our heirs and all and every other person whatsoever In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 30 day of Jany 1846.

Signed Sealed & deli-	)	William B. Robinson
vered in presence of us	)	Ann M Robinson

Westmoreland County to wit:

We Walter Bowie and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Ann M Robinson wife of Wm. B. Robinson parties to the within deed bearing date on the 30 day of Jany 1846 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Ann M Robinson acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declaired that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 30 day of Jany 1846

Walter Bowie
Bendt Walker

Westmoreland County to wit

We Walter Bowie and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace for said County in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Wm B Robinson and Ann M Robinson Parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 30 of Jany 1846 and hereto

annexed personally appeared before us in ounty aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be there act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court that the said deed may be recorded.

Given under our hands & Seals this 30 of January 1846.

Walter Bowie
Bendt. Walker

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 23d day of February 1846.

This deed from William B. Robinson and Ann M. his wife to Hannah Wright was this day received in my office and with the certificates of acknowledgment and privy examination annexed thereto admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined.

Teste
William R Sisson DC"

On May 5, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/306, William B. Robinson repurchased from Hannah Wright the 250 acres of land sold by Westmoreland County Deed 32/137:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 6 May 1846, between Hannah Wright of the County of Westmoreland & state of Virginia of the One part Wm B Robinson of the County and state aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Hannah Wright for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to her in hand paid by the said Wm B Robinson at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by her the said Hannah Wright and for her self and her heirs have bargained sold & delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly bargain sell and deliver unto him the said Wm B Robinson and his heirs forever a certain peace of land parce of the tract whereon the said Wm B Robinson now resides together with all the privileges and appertenances thereto belonging the said piece of land Known by name of Messocks and bounded as follows, Beginning at a red Oak on the dich thence S 75-1/2 E 27 poles S 58-3/4° E 75 poles to B. a point in said road near a red oak on the north side of the road thence along a line of marked trees S 36-1/4° W 75.2 poles to C. a mulbary stake in the corn field thence along an erregular line of marked trees S 61° E 191.2 poles to a hickory, thence S 57 W 21.1 poles to a marked pine in a gully thence down said gully & branch a line

of marked trees to the junction of this swamp with another at a marked holly, thence down the branch a line of marked trees to a willow at Cox's mill pond thence up said pond to G. a point on Downing Cox's mill dam near the mill house thence along the said dam and around the pond and up Walkers swamp to H. a point in said swamp thence up the meanderings of said swamp to a double bodied gum in the head of said swamp thence N 28° E along a line of marked trees to a stob in the field thence N 7-1/2° E 20.7 poles to the begining containing an arrear of two hundred & fifty acres be the same more or less togeather with all the appertenances privileges &c thereto belonging which said wright and title I do and will warrent and defend unto him the said Wm B Robinson his heirs forever against the claime or clames of myself my heirs and all and every Other person whatsoever

Signed Sealed and deli-) Hannah Wright
vered in presents of)
Wm Middleton
Jos. Wheelwright

Westmoreland Coy to wit:

We William Middleton & Joseph Wheelwright justices of the peace for the said county in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Hannah Wright party to a certain deed bearing date on the 6" day of May 1846, and hearto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court that the said deed may be recorded

Given under Our hands & seals this 13" May 1846.

Wm Middleton
Jos: Wheelwright

Westmoreland County Court Clerk's Office 6th May 1847. This deed from Hannah Wright to William B Robinson, was this day presented in my Office and lodged for the payment of the tax imposed by law, And on the 13" day of May 1847, the tax being paid, the said deed is together with the Certificate of acknowledgment endorsed thereon admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William B. Wright

with the following household on August 8, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
William B. Robinson	39	M		Farming	1300
Ann M Robinson	38	F			
Frances R. Robinson	12	F			
Elizabeth H Robinson	9	F			
Mary P. Robinson	4	F			
Ann M Robinson	1	F			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		1		
Va		1		
Va		.		
Va		.		

This record indicates that Ann M. (Wright) Robinson was born in about 1812 and that William B. Robinson was born in about 1811.

The 1860 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed W. B. Robinson with the following household on April 28, 1860:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
W. B. Robinson	50	M	W	Farmer	600
A M Robinson	49	F	W		
F. R. Robinson	21	F	W		
E. H. Robinson	19	F	W		
M. P. Robinson	17	F	W		
A. M. Robinson	11	F	W		
S. W Robinson	8	F	W		

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
1,560			.		
			.		
			.		
			1		
			1		
			1		
			1		

This record indicates that Ann M. (Wright) Robinson was born in about 1811 and that William B. Robinson was born in about 1810.

Neither William B. Robinson nor Ann M. Robinson has as yet been found in the 1870 Census.

The death record of Molly Presley Walker dated on March 19, 1924, in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as William Roberson and Anne Wright and their births in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and her birth on October 7, 1845, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

(IV) Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries, Her Husband
Enoch G. Jeffries, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries was a daughter of 1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Hannah (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November 26, 1833, was filed which listed Betsey Wright as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

....

Mottrom M Wright		James Wright		Ann Wright	
Lot No 1		Lot No 2		Lot No 3	
George	150	Harry	300	John	480
Sarah	<u>350</u>	Mary	<u>250</u>	Sam	<u>100</u>
	\$500.00		\$550		\$580

Betsey Wright
No 4
Washington \$300.00

Mary Tapscott
No 5
Lunsford 500
Henry 200
\$700

Frances Wright
No 6
Lansane \$500
Peter 175
\$675

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26th Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them _____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

. . . .

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

. . . ."

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Elizabeth C. Wright and Enock G. Jeffries on July 28, 1834, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Jeffries, Enock G. & Elizabeth C. Wright, dau. Hannah Wright, 28 July 1834, Robert Bailey sec."

On March 1, 1838, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/404, Enoch G. Jeffreys and his wife Elizabeth Jeffreys and Francis W. Wright sold to W. J. Courtney 1½ acres of land formerly owned by the late Benedict Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 1st day of March 1838 between

Enock G Jeffreys Elizabeth Jeffreys his wife & Francis W Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and William J Courtney of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said E G Jeffreys & Elizabeth his Wife and F W Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Nine dollars to them in hand paid By the said W J Courtney the receipt whereof is Hereby Acknowledged by the said Jeffreys wife & Wright for themselves and their Heirs have this day Bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly bargain sell and deliver unto the said William J Courtney and his Heirs forever a certain messuage or peace of land lying on the main road leading to Kinsale near the sign bord Leading to Smithers Mill and Being in the County aforesaid Adjoining the land of W P Courtney & Jeremiah Thrift up to a hicroey tree Containing an area of One & a half acres more or less and being the land formerly Held by George V C Hudson & then by Benedict Wright Late of the said County to have and to hold the said Messuage pease of Land unto him the said W J Courtney his Heirs and assigns forever to Gether with all & singular the privileges the appurtinances Houses out houses ways & Water Courses thereto belonging or in any wise Appertaining in fee simple and said E G Jeffreys & wife and F W Wright doth hereby warrant and defend the right of said land free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and all other persons whatsoever in testimony whereof we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and seals this day And year as above written signed sealed and Ackd

In the presents of
Jeremiah Jeffreys

Francis W Wright
Enoch G Jeffreys

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 25th day of June 1838

This deed from Enoch G Jeffreys and Elizabeth his wife and Francis W Wright to William J Courtney was this day presented in my office acknowledged by the said Jeffries and Wright and admitted to record

Teste
William Hutt CC

Recorded and examined 26" June 1838

Teste
William Hutt CC"

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Enoch G. Jeffries with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Persons</u>		<u>Free White Persons</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Enoch G. Jeffries	1	30-40	1	20-30
	1	20-30	1	15-20
			2	0-5

<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Slaves</u>		<u>Slaves</u>	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	10-24			3	36-55	2	24-36
				2	10-24	2	0-10
				4	0-10		

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
20		6				

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>		
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Blind</u>

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In- sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>		
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>
				<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

Schools, &c.						
Univer- sities or College	Number of Students	Acade- mies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

It is unclear from this record whether Enoch G. Jeffries was born between 1800 and 1810 or between 1810 and 1820.

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 5 to Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

...."

This record identifies Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries as a daughter of Benedict Wright and that she had married Enoch G. Jeffries before December 4, 1843.

U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850-1880, available from

Ancestry.com, listed the death of Enoch G. Jeffries in August 1849 in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	Enoch G. Jeffries
Age	40
Sex	M
Color	.
Free or Slave	.
Married or Widowed	M
Place of Birth	Virginia
Month Died	August
Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Carpenter
Disease or Cause of Death	Consumption
Number of Days Ill	365 days"

This record indicates that Enoch G. Jeffries was born in about 1809.

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Jeffries with the following household on August 7, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Elizabeth Jeffries	36	F			1500
Hannah J. Jeffries	13	F			
Mary C. Jeffries	12	F			
George D Jeffries	8	M			
Henrietta E Jeffries	6	F			
William E Jeffries	2	M			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Va		.		
Va		1		
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		.		

This record indicates that indicates that Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries was born in about 1814.

Elizabeth C. (Wright) Jeffries has not as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

The death record of Jane King dated on December 2, 1913, in Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as George Jeffries and Elizabeth Wright, both born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and her birth in about 1837 in Virginia.

The death record of Henrietta Elizabeth (Jeffries) Edwards dated on February 21, 1919, in Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as Enoch George Jeffries and Elizabeth Wright and her birth on November 29, 1843, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

(V) 1891 Francis W. Wright Of Westmoreland
County, His Wife Jane (Jeffries) (King)
Wright, And His Descendants

1891 Francis W. Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Hannah (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November 26, 1833, was filed which listed Frances Wright as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

....

Mottrom M Wright	James Wright	Ann Wright
Lot No 1	Lot No 2	Lot No 3
George 150	Harry 300	John 480
Sarah 350	Mary 250	Sam 100
\$500.00	\$550	\$580

Betsey Wright	Mary Tapscott	Frances Wright
No 4	No 5	No 6
Washington \$300.00	Lunsford 500	Lansane \$500
	Henry 200	Peter 175
	\$700	\$675

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County
County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26" Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah

Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them_____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

....

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

...."

On March 1, 1838, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/404, Francis W. Wright, Enoch G. Jeffreys, and Elizabeth Jeffreys, and sold to W. J. Courtney 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land formerly owned by the late Benedict Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 1st day of March 1838 between Enock G Jeffreys Elizabeth Jeffreys his wife & Francis W Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and William J Courtney of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said E G Jeffreys & Elizabeth his Wife and F W Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Nine dollars to them in hand paid By the said W J Courtney the receipt whereof is Hereby Acknowledged by the said Jeffreys wife & Wright for themselves and their Heirs have this day Bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly bargain sell and deliver unto the said William J Courtney and his Heirs forever a certain messuage or peace of land lying on the main road leading to Kinsale near the sign bord Leading to Smithers Mill and Being in the County aforesaid Adjoining the land of W P Courtney & Jeremiah Thrift up to a hicroey tree Containing an area of One & a half acres more or less and being the land formerly Held by George V C Hudson & then by Benedict Wright Late of the said County to have and to hold the said Messuage pease of Land unto him the said W J Courtney his Heirs and assigns forever to Gether with all & singular the privileges the appurtinances Houses out houses ways & Water Courses thereto belonging or in any wise Appertaining in fee simple and

said E G Jeffreys & wife and F W Wright doth hereby warrant and defend the right of said land free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and all other persons whatsoever in testimony whereof we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and seals this day And year as above written signed sealed and Ackd

In the presents of
Jeremiah Jeffreys

Francis W Wright
Enoch G Jeffreys

Virginia

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 25th day of June 1838

This deed from Enoch G Jeffreys and Elizabeth his wife and Francis W Wright to William J Courtney was this day presented in my office acknowledged by the said Jeffries and Wright and admitted to record

Teste
William Hutt CC

Recorded and examined 26" June 1838

Teste
William Hutt CC"

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of Frances W. Wright and Jane J. King on May 14, 1940, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	Frances W. Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	14 May 1840
Marriage Place	Westmoreland Co., Virginia
Spouse	Jane J. King
FHL Film Number	34336
Reference ID	p18"

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 1 to Francis W. Wright:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith

annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

[Map Not Included]

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This record identifies Francis W. Wright as a son of Benedict Wright.

The 1845 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Francis W. Wright with 41½ acres of land, reflecting the allocation of Lot No. 1 by Westmoreland County Deed 31/460.

On March 28, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/34, Francis W. Wright and his wife Jane J. Wright sold to Carloss B. Hudson a parcel of 42 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this the 28th March in the Year of Our Lord 1845 Between Francis W Wright and Jane J his wife of the county of Westmoreland & State of Virginia of the one part, and Carloss B. Hudson of the County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Francis W Wright and Jane J his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of three Hundred and fifty Dollars to them in hand paid by the said Carloss B. Hudson at and before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by them the said F. W Wright and Jane J his wife and for themselves and their heirs have Bargained and soaled & delivered & by these presents do fairley and firmly Bargain and Sell and deliver unto him the said C. B. Hudson and his heirs for ever A certain piece or tract of land containing forty two acres bee the same more or less it being the Land I heired of Benedict Wright dec and bounded as fols - on the east with the dowery on the South by James W Engles his and James W. Wrights Land and on the West and North by Enoch G. Jeffriess's and Robert Baileys Lands allso all of our right title interest and claimes which we now have or may at any time hereafter have in or to the Land whereon Hannah Wright now resides it being her proportion in dowery as widow of Benedict Wright dec which said Right title interest and claimes being

one sixth part of the Land whereon the said H. Wright now resides subject however to some privileges to dower we do and will warrant and defend unto him the said C. B Hudson & his heirs for ever against the claimes of ourselves our heirs and all and every other person whatsoever in testimony whereof we have here unto set our hands and seals this the day and date above mentioned

Signed Sealed & deli-	)	F. W. Wright
vered in presents of	)	her
Benedict Walker		Jane X J Wright
Jos Wheelwright		mark
Wm B. Robinson		

Westmoreland County Va

We Joseph Wheelwright and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Jane J. Wright wife of Francis W Wright parties to the within deed bearing date on the 28 of March 1845 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privitly and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Jane J. Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & Seals this 28th March 1845

Jos Wheelwright
Benedict Walker

Westmoreland County to wit

We Joseph Wheelwright and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace for the said county in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Francis W. Wright & Jane J. Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 28th of March 1845 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be their act & deed, & desired us to certify the Said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 28 of March 1845.

Jos Wheelwright
Bendt Walker

Virginia:

Clerks' Office of Westmoreland County Court the 24th day of April 1845.

This deed from Francis W Wright and Jane J. his wife to Carloss B. Hudson, was this day presented in my office and with the certificates of acknowledgment and privy examination annexed thereto admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examined.

Teste
William Hutt CC"

In his email dated July 10, 2008, Greg Wright enclosed a copy of a letter dated March 27, 1846, from Thomas Brown to Henry Beale regarding the sale of a negro slave by Francis W. Wright to pay for a purchase of land by Francis W. Wright from Thomas Brown:

"Mr. Henry Beale
By Ellie)

Dear Sir,

Since you left here, for Richmond, I sold to Mr. F. Wright a piece of land, and he wishes to dispose of a negro boy, to enable him to pay it. he desires me to request you, so soon as you returned, to come to his house and take charge of the boy and sell him, the proceeds to be paid over to me when you return. he is apprehensive that the boy wishes to make his escape, and wants you when you go for him, to use such precautions as not to induce the boy to suspect your object.

I promised Mr. Wright that when you came back I wld see you and go down to his house with you, but on reflection it would be unnecessary and it has not been convenient. He seems anxious to deliver the boy safely into your hands, and I hope you will loose no time in seeing him, as I told him I would attend to it immediately. You can say to Mr. W. for me that so soon as you return I will come down and have the bargain between us, properly ratified. Let me hear by the bearer when you will be able to go & when you will return.

Your attention will oblige.

Yours &c

Thos: Brown
Mar: 17th 1846"

The slave was apparently successfully sold as the following deed makes clear.

On April 1, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/356, Francis W. Wright purchased from Thomas and Sarah Brown 233 acres of land in Westmoreland County known as Gilberts:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this 1st day of April One thousand eight hundred and forty six, between Francis W Wright of the One part Edward C Griffith of the second part and Thomas Brown of the third part all of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia Whereas the sd Francis W Wright is justly indebted to Thos. Brown in the sum of Three hundred and fourteen dollars and 26 Cents being a balance due on the purchase of a tract of land Known as "Gilberts" payable in three equal instalments viz: on the 1" of January 1848, on the 1" of January 1849, and on the 1" of Jany 1850, which sd sum is evidenced by bond of the sd Wright bearing date of the first day of April 1846, and payable as aforesaid with interest from date, and purporting to be for the balance of the purchase money due on the land bought of the sd Brown. The payment whereof and the interest annually accruing the sd Wright is willing to secure Now, this indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of One dollar to him in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said Edward C Griffith the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he sd Wright does by these presents bargain sell and convey unto the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land situate in the County aforesaid Known as "Gilberts" and more particularly described in a deed of bargain and sale from the sd Brown & Sarah his wife to the sd Wright, of even date with these presents, supposed to contain 233 acres, together with all privileges and appurtenances to the same in any wise appertaining or belonging To Have and to Hold to him the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs & assigns forever, and the said Wright Covenants for himself his heirs admrs &c unto the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns that he will and his heirs admrs &c shall forever warrant and defend the same to the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs or assigns, free from the lawful claim of all and every person whatsoever. Upon trust nevertheless that the said Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns shall permit the said Wright his heirs admrs &c to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said land and its appurtenances and to take the profits thereof to his Own use until default be made in the payment of the sd sum of Three hundred & fourteen dollars & 26 Cents in whole or in part - and then upon this further trust that the said Edward C Griffith shall so soon after the happening of such default of payment of said sum as he shall be requested by the said Thos Brown his Exr admr or assigns so to do, sell the said land and its appurtenances at public auction to the highest bidder for ready money after having fixed the time & place of such sale at his Own discretion and given at least one months notice thereof by advertisement to be set up at the door of the Court House of Westmoreland Co. on or before some Court day previous to the day of sale, and Out of the monies arising from such sale shall after satisfying the charges thereof and all other expenses attending the premises pay to the said Thos Brown his heirs admrs or assigns the sd sum of Three hundred & fourteen dollars and 26 Cents with the interest which may thereon lawfully have accrued and the balance if any shall pay to the said Francis W Wright, his heirs admrs or assigns But if the whole of the said debt with the interest thereon which may lawfully have accrued, shall be fully paid off and discharged to the said Brown his heirs or assigns when due so that no default of payment of sd sum be made then this indenture shall be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue -

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Witness
John Critcher jr
Henry Beale
Ro B Jett

F W Wright
E C Griffith

Virginia,
Clerks Office of Westmoreland County Court 24" May 1847

This Deed from Francis W Wright to Edward C Griffith for the benefit of Thomas Brown, was presented in my Office on the 26" day of April last, proved by the Oaths of John Critcher jr and Henry Beale two subscribing witnesses thereto and lodged for further proof And now on this day being further and fully proved by the Oath of Robert B Jett the Other subscribing witness thereto is admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined,

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

On April 1, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/313, Francis W. Wright executed a deed of trust to Edward C. Griffith to secure the debt of \$314.26 due to Thomas Brown for the purchase of 233 acres of land by Westmoreland County32/356:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this 1st day of April One thousand eight hundred and forty six, between Francis W Wright of the One part Edward C Griffith of the second part and Thomas Brown of the third part all of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia Whereas the sd Francis W Wright is justly indebted to Thos. Brown in the sum of Three hundred and fourteen dollars and 26 Cents being a balance due on the purchase of a tract of land Known as "Gilberts" payable in three equal instalments viz: on the 1" of January 1848, on the 1" of January 1849, and on the 1" of Jany 1850, which sd sum is evidenced by bond of the sd Wright bearing date of the first day of April 1846, and payable as aforementioned with interest from date, and purporting to be for the balance of the purchase money due on the land bought of the sd Brown. The payment whereof and the interest annually accruing the sd Wright is willing to secure Now, this indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of One dollar to him in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said Edward C Griffith the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he sd Wright does by these presents bargain

sell and convey unto the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land situate in the County aforesaid Known as "Gilberts" and more particularly described in a deed of bargain and sale from the sd Brown & Sarah his wife to the sd Wright, of even date with these presents, supposed to contain 233 acres, together with all privileges and appurtenances to the same in any wise appertaining or belonging To Have and to Hold to him the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs & assigns forever, and the said Wright Covenants for himself his heirs admrs &c unto the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns that he will and his heirs admors &c shall forever warrant and defend the same to the sd Edward C Griffith his heirs or assigns, free from the lawful claim of all and every person whatsoever. Upon trust nevertheless that the said Edward C Griffith his heirs and assigns shall permit the said Wright his heirs admrs &c to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said land and its appurtenances and to take the profits thereof to his Own use until default be made in the payment of the sd sum of Three hundred & fourteen dollars & 26 Cents in whole or in part - and then upon this further trust that the said Edward C Griffith shall so soon after the happening of such default of payment of said sum as he shall be requested by the said Thos Brown his Exr admr or assigns so to do, sell the said land and its appurtenances at public auction to the highest bidder for ready money after having fixed the time & place of such sale at his Own discretion and given at least one months notice thereof by advertisement to be set up at the door of the Court House of Westmoreland Co. on or before some Court day previous to the day of sale, and Out of the monies arising from such sale shall after satisfying the charges thereof and all other expenses attending the premises pay to the said Thos Brown his heirs admrs or assigns the sd sum of Three hundred & fourteen dollars and 26 Cents with the interest which may thereon lawfully have accrued and the balance if any shall pay to the said Francis W Wright, his heirs admrs or assigns But if the whole of the said debt with the interest thereon which may lawfully have accrued, shall be fully paid off and discharged to the said Brown his heirs or assigns when due so that no default of payment of sd sum be made then this indenture shall be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue - In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Witness
John Critcher jr
Henry Beale
Ro B Jett

F W Wright
E C Griffith

Virginia,
Clerks Office of Westmoreland County Court 24" May 1847

This Deed from Francis W Wright to Edward C Griffith for the benefit of Thomas Brown, was presented in my Office on the 26" day of April last, proved by the Oaths of John Critcher jr and Henry Beale two subscribing witnesses thereto and lodged for further proof And now on this day being further and fully proved by the Oath of Robert B Jett the Other subscribing witness thereto is admitted to

record

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined,

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

The 1848, 1849, and 1850 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Francis W. Wright with one parcel of 233 acres of land, reflecting the purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 32/356.

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Francis W. Wright with the following household on August 9, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Francis W. Wright	36	M		Farmer	1000
Jane J. Wright	30	F			
Sarah A Wright	9	F			
Henry B Wright	7	M			
William Wright	4	M			
Mary F Wright	1	F			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
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This record indicates that Francis W. Wright was born in about 1814 and that Jane (Jeffries) Wright was born in about 1820.

On March 13, 1856, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 35/313, Francis W. Wright and his wife Jane J. Wright sold to John William King 47 acres of land:

"This deed made and entered into this 13th day of March Eighteen hundred and fifty six between Francis W. Wright & Jane J. Wright his wife of the County of Westmd. of the one part and John Wm. King of the same County of the other

part, Witnesseth that the said F. W. Wright and Jane J. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred & thirty eight dollars & 75 cts. by the said King paid to the sd. F. W. Wright in hand paid at and before the sealing & delivery of these presents receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and that he the sd. F. W. Wright & Jane E. Wright do by these presents bargain, sell, grant and convey unto sd. John Wm. King his heirs assigns &c forever all that parcel of land lying in Westmoreland County and bounded as follows, to wit, north & northwest by William B. Robinson's land, North & North East by Francis W Wright's land & Southwest by Wm. B. Robinson's land, containing by survey forty seven acres and three roods (47 A. & 3 R.) as shown by plat; together with all the premises privileges, & appurtenances to sd. land belonging, to have & to hold sd. tract of land with the privileges & appurtenances aforesaid to the sole use and behooves of sd. John Wm. King his heirs &c forever and sd. F. W. Wright & Jane E. for himself heirs &c covenant with sd. John Wm. King his heirs &c in the following manner, That he sd. has good right and full power by these presents to bargain, sell, grant & convey unto sd. King his heirs &c sd. land with the appurtenances attached and also that sd. John Wm. King shall at all times occupy & enjoy sd. land with its appurtenances without molestation or hindrance and shall continue acquitted & discharged from all judgments mortgages or other encumbrances whatsoever by any and who shall have had possession or title to sd. premises heretofore. In testimony whereof the parties by these presents have hereunto affixed their hands & seals the day & year first above mentioned.

Fr. W. Wright
Jane J. Wright

Virginia:
Westmoreland County to wit;

I, Thos. Brown a Justice of the peace in the State & County aforesaid do hereby Certify that Francis W. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 13th day of March 1856 and hereto annexed personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and desired me to Certify sd. acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in order that the sd. deed may be recorded Given under my hand & seal this day 13th day of March 1856.

Thos. Brown

Va. Westmd. Co: to wit

We Thos. Brown & Henry Beale Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid do Certify that Jane J. Wright wife of Francis W Wright whose names are signed to the above deed bearing date on the 13th day of March 1856 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband, having the above writing fully explained to her, she the sd. Jane J. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that

she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands seals this 13th day of March 1856.

Thos Brown
Henry Beale

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court March 24th 1856.

This deed of bargain and sale from Francis W. Wright and wife to John W. King conveying real estate, was this day received in my office, and with the Certificate of acknowledgement and privy examination of feme thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C"

On March 13, 1856, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 35/331, Francis W. Wright and his wife Jane J. Wright also sold to William B. Robinson 60 acres of land:

"Know all men by these presents that we Francis W. Wright and Jane J. Wright wife of the said Francis W. Wright of the county of Westmoreland and State of Virginia, in consideration of the sum of Three hundred dollars to us in hand paid by Wm B. Robinson of the said county the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Wm B. Robinson his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the said county bounded and described as follows Viz. Beginning at the letter A a marked maple in Gilbert's swamp corner to Ian Stephens thence along Stephen's line N. 87° 57.6 poles to B a chesnut corner to Stephens thence N 61° W. 34.7 pos. to C a hickory Stump in Stephen's field near the old road corner to H. S. King thence along the old mill road King's line N. 11¾° W. 10.5 pos. N. 1½° W. 20 pos N. 14¼° W. 36.5 pos. N. 11¾° W. 9 pos. to D opposite a marked Chesnut corner to the other lands of F. W. Wright thence N. 81° E 112 poles to E a maple in Gilberts swamp thence down the swamp S 6¼° W. 17 poles S 3½ W. 97 pos. to the beginning containing sixty acres sixteen P. as surveyed by James W. English to Gether with all the privileges and appurtenances to the said land in any wise appertaining or belonging to have and to hold the above granted premises to the said Wm B. Robinson his heirs and assigns forever And I the said Francis W. Wright for myself my heirs, Executors and administrators do covenant with the said Wm B. Robinson his heirs and assigns that I and my said

wife are lawfully seised in fee of the before granted premises, that they are free from all encumbrances that I and my said wife have a good and perfect right to sell and convey the same to the said Wm B. Robinson his heirs and assigns as aforesaid, and that I will and my heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said Wm. B. Robinson his heirs and assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof I the said Francis W. Wright and Jane J. Wright my wife have here unto set our hands and seals this the 13th day of March 1856.

Francis W. Wright
Jane J. Wright

Westmoreland County to wit.

We Thos. Brown and Henry Beale Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Jane J. Wright wife of F. W. Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on 13th day of March 1856 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Jane J. Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands seals this 13th day of March 1856.

Thos Brown
Henry Beale

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court May 26th 1856.

This deed of bargain and sale from Francis W. Wright and wife to Wm. B. Robinson conveying real estate, was this day received in my office, and with the certificates of acknowledgment and privy examination of feme thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C"

The 1860 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed F. W. Wright with the following household on August 14, 1860:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
F. W. Wright	46	M		Farmer	900
J. Wright	40	F			
S. Wright	18	F			
H. Wright	16	M			
W. Wright	14	M			
B. Wright	6	M			

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
176	Va				
	Va				
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	Va				

This record indicates that Francis W. Wright was born in about 1814 and that Jane (Jeffries) Wright was born in about 1820.

The 1870 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Francis Wright with the following household on July 5, 1870:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Francis Wright	55	M	W	Farmer	800
Jane Wright	49	F	W	Keeping house	
James W Wright	23	M	W	Labourer	
Robt B Wright	17	M	W	Labourer	
Sarah Ann Wright	28	F	W	at home	
Lucy Graham	10	F	B	Domestic servt	

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Born Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read</u>
150	Virginia				1
	Virginia				1
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	Virginia				1

<u>Cannot Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote</u>
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This record indicates that Francis W. Wright was born in about 1815 and that Jane (Jeffries) Wright was born in about 1821.

The 1880 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Frank and Jane Wright in the Ben Wright household in June 1880:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Month of Birth</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Ben Wright	W	M	27		.
Frank Wright	W	M	67		Father
Jane Wright	W	F	60		Mother
Sarah King	W	F	30		Sister

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Married During Year</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Months Unem- ployed</u>	<u>Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled</u>
M		Farmer		.
M		At home		Insane
S		Keeping house		.
S		at home		.

<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read</u>	<u>Cannot Write</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Father Born</u>	<u>Mother Born</u>
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va

This record indicates that Francis W. Wright was born in about 1813 and that Jane (Jeffries) Wright was born in about 1820 and that Francis W. Wright had become insane.

In his email dated June 3, 2008, Werter Gregory Wright III enclosed a photograph of the joint tombstones of Francis W. Wright and Jane J. Wright located in the Wright Family Cemetery on his farm in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Francis W. Wright
Born 1815
Died
April 9, 1891

Jane J. Wright
Born
Nov. 22, 1820
Died
Jan. 17, 1902"

The 1900 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Jane Wright in the R. B. Wright household on June 14, 1900, her relationship as mother, her birth in April 1820 in Virginia, her marital status as widow, and that she had had five children of whom two were then living.

In his telephone conference dated June 7, 2008, Werter Gregory Wright III stated that Francis W. Wright married Jane Jeffries, daughter of Jeremiah and Jane Jeffries.

In his telephone conference dated June 15, 2018, Werter Gregory III stated that Francis W. Wright died in Alcorn, now Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Virginia.

(VI) 1889 James W. Wright Of Northumberland
County, His Wife Virginia Ann (Beacham)
Wright, And His Descendants

1889 James W. Wright of Northumberland

County was a son of 1833 Benedict Wright of Westmoreland County and Hannah (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1833 Benedict⁶)

On September 28, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/13, a report and division of the slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright ordered on November 26, 1833, was filed which listed James Wright as one of the heirs of Benedict Wright:

"A List of the Negroes belonging to the estate of Benedict Wright decd.
Appraised and divided by the undersigned Commissioners

....

Mottrom M Wright		James Wright		Ann Wright	
Lot No 1		Lot No 2		Lot No 3	
George	150	Harry	300	John	480
Sarah	<u>350</u>	Mary	<u>250</u>	Sam	<u>100</u>
	\$500.00		\$550		\$580

Betsey Wright		Mary Tapscott		Frances Wright	
No 4		No 5		No 6	
Washington	\$300.00	Lunsford	500	Lansane	\$500
		Henry	<u>200</u>	Peter	<u>175</u>
			\$700		\$675

We the undersigned of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the County of Westmoreland bearing date the 26th Nov 1833 to allot to Hannah Wright one third of the negro slaves of the estate of Benedict Wright decd Also to divide the other two thirds between the heirs of the said Benedict Wright decd have to the best of our Judgment performed the duty required of us but as we could not from the nature of the case give each their equal portion we proceeded to value the whole and then they them_____ lots as we considered would be most beneficial to those concerned as will be seen above. The whole value of the negroes amounted to \$5280, the widow's third is \$1760 the amt given to her is \$1775 which is 15\$ over her proportion we therefore direct her to pay to lot No 4 Betsey Wright 15\$ the balance after deducting \$1760 the widows third is \$3520 the proportion of each child is \$586.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ we therefore direct that Lot No 5 drawn by Mary Tapscott pay to Lot No 1 drawn by Mottram M. Wright \$86.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 5 also pay to Lot No 2 drawn by James Wright \$26.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and Lot No 6 drawn by Francis Wright pay to Lot No 4 drawn by Betsey Wright \$71.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and

also Lot No 6 pay to Lot No 3 Ann Wright \$6.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and also Lot No. 6 pay to Lot No No James Wright \$10.

....

And at a Court held for the said County the 28th day of September 1835.

The said report having lain two months for exceptions and now being filed was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

...."

On February 26, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/460, a report and division of the estate of Benedict Wright among his heirs dated December 4, 1843, was recorded and allocated Lot No. 5 to James M. Wright:

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed under an an Order of the County Court of Westmoreland held on the 22nd day of February 1841, to divide the land whereof Benedict Wright died possessed among the heirs & to assign to Hannah Wright widow of Benedict Wright her dower - make the following report to wit: To Hannah Wright 54 acres 2 Rods, marked on the plat herewith annexed, by the word "Dower" Lot No 1, valued at \$332, to Francis W. Wright, subject to the payment of \$87.50¢ Lot No 2, valued at \$229.50 to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Mortrom M Wright Lot No 3, valued at \$229.50; to receive of Francis W Wright \$15, to Lewis H Dix who intermarried with Mary A Tapscot granddaughter of Benedict Wright, Lot No 4 valued at \$216, to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50 cts, To James M Wright Lot No 5 valued at \$216. to receive of Francis W Wright \$28.50, to Enoch G Jeffries who intermarried with Elizabeth C Wright & Lot No 6 valued at \$244, to receive of Francis W Wright 50 Cents, to Wm B Robinson who intermarried with Ann W Wright

Given under our hands & seals this 4" day of December 1843.

Robert Bailey
James English
Jos. Wheelwright

...."

The marriage record of James W. Wright and Virginia Ann Beacham was dated on October 14, 1844, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"The clerk of the County Court of Northumberland is hereby authorised to grant a marriage license to solemnize the rites of matrimony between James W. Wright and Virginia Ann Beacham.

Given under my hand and seale This 14th Octr. 1844

Teste
Jas. W. English
Richard R. King

Enoch G Jeffries
Guardian of James W Wright

The clerk of the county court of Northumberland is hereby authorised to issue a marriage license to Solemnize the rites of matrimony between my daughter Virginia Ann Beacham and James W. Wright. Given under my hand and Seal This 14th day of Oct. 1844

Teste
Jas. W English
William M. Beacham"

Geo L Beacham

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of James W. Wright and Virginia Ann Beacham on October 14, 1844, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Name	James W. Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	14 Oct 1844
Marriage Place	Northumberland Co., Virginia
Spouse	Virginia Ann Beacham
FHL Film Number	32712
Reference ID	p 112"

On April 2, 1847, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 32/406, James W. Wright and his wife Virginia A. Wright sold to James W. English the 54 acres allotted to James W. Wright from the estate of his father Benedict Wright by Westmoreland County Deed 31/460:

"This Indenture made and entered into this second day of April in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven Between James W. Wright and Virginia A. his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and James W. English of the County and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said James W. Wright and Virginia A. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and sixteen dollars to them in hand paid by the said James W. English the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Jas. W Wright and wife for themselves and their Heirs, Have this day Bargained Sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly Bargain Sell and deliver unto the said James W. English and his Heirs for ever, all that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County aforesaid adjoining the lands of Jas. W English John H Murphy Enoch G Jeffriess and C. B. Hudson containing fifty four acres, It being the lot I drew in the division of my Father's Estate, To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land unto him the said Jas. W English his Heirs and assigns for ever, Together with all and Singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in

any wise appertaining in fee simple, And the said James W. Wright and Virginia A his wife doth hereby warrant and defend the right of said land free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and all other persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and date above written.

Signed sealed and ackd.)
in the presence of)

James W Wright
Virginia A. Wright

Westmoreland County to wit

We Joseph Wheelwright & Benedt Walker Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby Certify that Virginia A. Wright wife of James W Wright parties to the within deed bearing date the second of April 1847 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Virginia A Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared she willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of Jany: 1848.

Benedict Walker
Jos. Wheelwright

Westmd. County to wit:

We Joseph Wheelwright and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that James W. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on 2d day of April 1847 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the aforesaid County Court in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of January 1848.

Benedict Walker
Jos: Wheelwright

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 24th day of January 1848.

The foregoing deed from James W. Wright and Virginia A. his wife to James W. English, was this day received in my office, and with the Certificates of Acknowledgment and privy examination annexed thereto admitted to record.

Teste,

William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

The 1850 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James Wright with the following household on August 6, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
James Wright	25	M		Farmer	1000
Virginia Wright	19	F			
Hannah Wright	65	F			
Harriet Wright	2	F			
Ann Wright	4/12	F			
Benedict Wright	4	M			

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Northumberland				
Northumberland				
Northumberland				
Northumberland				
Northumberland				
Northumberland				

This record indicates that James W. Wright was born in about 1825 and that Virginia Ann (Beacham) Wright was born in about 1831.

The birth record of Charles W. Wright, son of James W. and Virginia A. Wright, was dated on May 18, 1858, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Northumberland County Va Register Of Births. for the year 1858.

Line Numbered.	15
Date Of Birth.	May 18
Name Of Child If Named.	Charles W Wright
White.	1
Colored.	
Free.	.
Slave.	.

Sex.
 Male. 1
 Female. .
 Born.
 Alive. 1
 Dead. .
 Place Of Birth. Northumberland County
 Father's Name, or
 Name of Owner. Jos W Wright
 Father's Occupation. Farmer
 Father's Residence. Northd County
 Mother's Name In Full. Virginia A. Wright
 How many at a birth. 1
 Deformity. .
 Sources Of Information.
 Name Of Person. Jas W. Wright
 Relation of Informant. Father"

The 1860 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James W. Wright with the following household on June 22, 1860:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Jas W Wright	34	m		Teacher	1100
Virginia A Wright	29	f			
Harriet M Wright	12	f			
Hannah M Wright	10	f			
Jas W. Wright	7	m			
Milton L Wright	4	m			
Charles W Wright	2	m			

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
4032	Westmd		.		
	Northd		.		
	Northd		1		
	Northd		1		
	Northd		1		
	Northd		.		
	Northd		.		

This record indicates that James W. Wright was born in about 1826 and that Virginia Ann (Beacham) Wright was born in about 1831.

The birth record of Caroline V. Wright, daughter of James W. and Virginia A. Wright, was dated on March 17, 1861, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Register Of Births

Within the District of E. J. Tune Commissioner of Revenue the County of Northumberland in the year ending 31st December 1861

Line Numbered.	37
Date Of Birth.	March 17
Name Of Child If Named.	Caroline V Wright
White.	1
Colored.	
Free.	.
Slave.	.
Sex.	
Male.	.
Female.	1
Born.	
Alive.	1
Dead.	.
Place Of Birth.	Northumd County
Father's Name In Full.	James W. Wright
Father's Occupation.	Farmer
Father's Residence.	.
Mother's Name In Full.	Virginia A Wright
How many at a birth.	1
Deformity.	.
Sources Of Information.	
Name Of Person.	J W Wright
Relation of Informant.	Father"

The birth record of Minnie E. Wright, daughter of James W. and Virginia Wright, was dated on October 12, 1866, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Register Of Births

County of Northumberland, District of Edward J. Tune, Commissioner of Revenue. for the year ending 1866.

Line Numbered.	55
Date Of Birth.	Oct. 12
Name Of Child If Named.	Minnie E. Wright
White.	1
Colored.	
Free.	.
Slave.	.
Sex.	
Male.	.

Female.	1
Born.	
Alive.	1
Dead.	.
Place Of Birth.	Northumberland Co
Father's Name In Full.	Jas. W. Wright
Father's Occupation.	Farmer
Father's Residence.	Northumberland Co
Mother's Name In Full.	Virginia Wright
How many at a birth.	1
Deformity.	None
Sources Of Information.	
Name Of Person.	J. W. Wright
Relation of Informant.	Father"

The 1870 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James W. Wright with the following household on July 4, 1870:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
James W Wright	44	M	W	Teaching School	5000
Virginia Wright	39	F	W	Keeping hous	
Mildred Wright	21	F	W	without Occup	
Hannah M Wright	19	F	W	without Occup	
Caroline V Wright	8	F	W	Tending School	
Minnie E Wright	3	F	W	.	

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Born Within Year</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read</u>
200	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

<u>Cannot Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21</u>	<u>Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote</u>
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This record indicates that James W. Wright was born in about 1826 and that Virginia Ann (Beacham) Wright was born in about 1831.

The 1880 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James W. Wright with the following household on June 19, 1880:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Month of Birth</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
James W Wright	W	M	55		.
Virginia Wright	W	F	45		Wife
Harriet Wright	W	F	25		Daughter
Carry Wright	W	F	15		Daughter
Minnie Wright	W	F	10		Daughter

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Married During Year</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Months Unem- ployed</u>	<u>Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled</u>
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		at home		
S		at home		
S		at home		

<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read</u>	<u>Cannot Write</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Father Born</u>	<u>Mother Born</u>
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va
			Virginia	Va	Va

This record indicates that James W. Wright was born in about 1825 and that Virginia Ann (Beacham) Wright was born in about 1835.

The death record of James W. Wright was dated on November 4, 1889, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Register Of Deaths
Within Northumberland County, _____ District, M E Dodson, Commssioner of
Revenue, in the year ending 31st December 1889

Line Numbered. 6

Name In Full.	James W Wright
White.	1
Colored.	.
Sex.	
Male.	1
Female.	.
Date Of Death.	Nov 4th 1889
Place Of Death.	Northumberland Co Va
Name Of Disease or Cause Of Death.	Dispepsy
Age.	64 years
Names Of Parents.	Not Known
Where Born.	Westmoreland Co Va
Occupation.	Farmer
Consort Of, Or Unmarried.	married
Sources Of Information.	
Name of person	Mrs. Wright
Designation	Wife"

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of James W. Wright in Henderson United Church Cemetery, Hyacinth, Northumberland County, Virginia. The photograph of the gravestone is blurry, but Findagrave listed the following:

"James W. Wright

Birth	14 Jul 1825
Death	4 Nov 1889 (aged 64)
Burial	Henderson United Methodist Church Cemetery Hyacinth, Northumberland County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	57563147"

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Virginia A. Beacham Wright in Henderson United Church Cemetery, Hyacinth, Northumberland County, Virginia. The photograph of the gravestone is blurry, but Findagrave listed the following:

"Virginia A. Beacham Wright

Birth	29 Dec 1829
Death	27 Oct 1896 (aged 66)
Burial	Henderson United Methodist Church Cemetery Hyacinth, Northumberland County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	57563219"

v. 1803 Johnson Wigginton Wright Of Westmoreland
County, His Wife Polly (Dawson) Wright, And His
Descendants

1803 Johnson Wigginton Wright of Westmoreland
County was a son of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth
(Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741
Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Francis Wright dated on December 6, 1775, and probated on
March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, listed Johnson
Wiginton Wright as one of his sons:

"In the Name of God Amen I Francis Wright of Westmoreland County do make
and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and forme following
First I leave my Land I Purchased of Mr. John Rust to be sold to pay my Just
debts at Publick oction or Privet Sale as my Executors hereafter named shall
think proper and whatever the Land Sells for then will Pay my debts the money
to be Eaquely divided between my three sons Benedick Wright Johnson
Wiginton Wright & Wright Wright Secondly I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth
the use of my house wherein I now live and the third part of the Land Joining the
house during her life I allso leave her the third part of all my Personal Estate for
and during her Natrrial life and after her death to be Eaquely divided amongst all
my Children. Thirdly my will and desire is that all the rest of my Estate not before
given shall be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. I do appoint my loving
wife Elizabeth Capt. Bendk. Middleton Junr. & Fleet Cox Executors of this my
last will & Testament. As Witness my hand this 6th day of December 1775.

Fleet Cox Jun.
Elijah Mood
Elizabeth Middleton

Francis Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of March 1793. On the
Motion of Francis Wright it is ordered that this Will be recorded the Heirs at Law
consenting thereto.

Examd.

Teste
J Bland CWC"

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to
1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Johnson Wright and Polly
Dawson on June 26, 1792, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Johnson & Polly Dawson, dau. W. Dawson, 26 June 1792, Richard
Bennett sec."

Married Well And Often, by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Johnson Wright and Polly Dawson on June 26, 1792, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Johnson & Dawson, Polly; b. 26 Jun 1792; Rich. Bennett (sec.); groom was a son of Francis Wright; bride was a dau. of W. Dawson who gave his cons.; (MLB WC; JFL annotations to MLB WC; MLB WC2)"

On June 22, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 7/254, an accounting for the estate of Francis Wright was filed:

"Wright Francis)
Executors Account) The Estate of Francis Wright deceased

In Account with George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Ex.

				Cr
		Tobacco		
To Board and Sundry Charges against	Benedict Wright	106		23.6.0
To Ditto	Johnson W Wright	106		24.1.0
To Ditto	William Wright			<u>23.2.3</u>
		212		10.9.3
	Ib Tobo			
To Vincent Marmaduke Sheriff for	690	£1.9.7/2		
To Thomas Sanford Sheriff for	258	8.6. 1	£5.13.11	Certificate Tax
To Benjn Branham Sheriff Richd for	<u>51</u>	<u>5.6.10½</u>	<u>1.15. 6</u>	ditto
	1205	15.2. 7	7. 9. 5	
By Hire of Negroe Fay from 1783 to 1792 both inclusive			51.10.0	
By Cash of Presly Wright			12. 5.9	
By the proportions of the three Children Benedict Johnson and William of the Stock furniture &c			<u>56.19.3</u>	
			£120.15.0	

In obedience to an order of the worshipfull Court of Westmoreland County bearing Date the 25 day of June 1793 we have Examined the account of George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Executrix of Francis Wright Deceased, with the Estate of the said deceased and report that he Exhibited an account according to the above Debits and that those respecting Taxes &c were without vouchers and that it appears that the said Estate should have Credits agreeable to those stated above. Given under our hands the 22d day of June 1793

Samuel Rust
Chrisr. Collins
John Yeatman

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22d day of June 1793. This

Account of the Settlement of the Executorship on the Estate of Francis Wright
Deceased, returned pursuant to a former order of this court and ordered to be
Recorded

Examd

Teste
J Bland CWC"

This record identifies Johnson W. Wright as a child of Francis Wright and Elizabeth
(Middleton) (Wright) Lewis.

The 1801 through 1804 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed
Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land. The document by which
Johnson Wigginton Wright acquired this land has not as yet been found.

On November 26, 1804, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 8/509, an
inventory and appraisement of the estate of Johnson W. Wright ordered in January
1803 was filed showing an estate valued at £290, 2 shillings, and 7½ pence. This
record indicates that Johnson Wigginton Wright had died by January 1803 in
Westmoreland County, Virginia.

The 1805 through 1807 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed
Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land.

No tax lists were taken in 1808 in Virginia.

On January 23, 1809, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 9/81, William
Wright filed his accounting for the estate of Johnston W. Wright.

The 1809 through 1814 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed
the estate of Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land.

The 1815 and 1816 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the
estate of Johnson W. Wright as tenant with one parcel of 53 acres of land.

The 1817 through 1820 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed
the estate of Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land held in fee.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia,
Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust,
Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover
their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Johnson W. Wright as a
son of Francis Wright:

"To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the

Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

.....

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law

.....”

The 1821 through 1824 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land.

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including the two heirs of Johnson W. Wright:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife	Plts
vs	
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by George M Wright assigned their guardian	Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eights of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such

parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated”

The 1825 and 1826 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed John W. Wright as a son of Francis Wright.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court entered the following order:

“This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.
J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the

sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: "On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto." On the 13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M'Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.

. . . ."

This record identifies Francis Wright as the father of Johnson Wigginton Wright

The 1827 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of Johnson W. Wright with one parcel of 110 acres of land.

On March 22, 1828, in the case of Wright v. Boothe, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File 1838-012, William Wright filed his complaint against Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe to determine ownership of two slaves that were part of the estate of Johnson W. Wright:

"To the honourable justices of Westmoreland County in chancery sitting, humbly complaining sheweth to your worships, your orator William Wright, that your orator being administrator of Johnson W. Wright decd. had possession of the personal estate of the said decd. and among other things of two negroes, Martin and Hannah which were erroneously supposed to be the property of the said Johnson W. Wright and as devised to him by the will of Benedict Middleton decd, and which were accordingly allotted to the said Johnson W. Wright decd. by commissioners appointed by the county court of Westmoreland to divide the estate of Benedict Middleton decd. and remained in the possession of your

orator as the admr. subject to the legal demands of the creditors and distributees of Johnson W. Wright decd. That your orator having obtained the advice of able counsel, was informed that a false construction had been put upon the will of Benedict Middleton decd. by the commissioners appointed to divide his estate; and that Johnson W. Wright decd. had no claim whatsoever to the justice(?) of the said estate. that your orator with others (who it is unnecessary more to name) were entitled to Instructions under the said bill. That your orator thus advised determined to bring a suit for the settlement of the title to the said slaves & which suit is now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district. That Samuel J. Boothe (who intermarried with one of the daughters of Johnson W. Wright decd.) and Benedict D. Wright well knowing the premises, and being parties to the suit now pending in the Supr. Court of Chancery concerning the title to the said slaves, have forcibly dispossessed your orator of Martin one of the said slaves and as your orator verily believes, will unless restrained by the order of this honourable court sell the said slave, and send him beyond the jurisdiction of this court before the suit now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery can be decided. All which actings & doings of the said Samuel J Boothe and Benedict D Wright are contrary to equity and good conscience & tend to the manifest wrong and injury of your orator in the premises. In tender consideration whereof and inasmuch as your orator is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable and relievable, to the end therefore that the said Samuel J Boothe & Benedict D Wright may be made defendants hereto and full true and perfect answer make and that they may be restrained by the injunction of this honourable court from selling or in any manner disposing of the said slave, and that they may be required to enter into bond with sufficient security for the forthcoming of the said slave, and for his hire and profits, to answer the decree of the Supr. Court of Chancery in the suit now depending concerning the title to the said slaves. And for such other and further relief as to your worships may seem meet and the nature of the case may require. May it please your worships to grant to your orator the Commonwealths writ of subpoena.

Westmoreland County to wit)

This day William Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of Peace for the said County and made oath that the allegations contained in the within Bill are True. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March 1828.

Robert Murphy”

This record identifies the children of Johnson W. Wright as Benedict D. Wright and _____ (Wright) Boothe, wife of Samuel J. Boothe.

The 1828 and later Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list the estate of Johnson W. Wright..

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-

7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and identifying Johnson W. Wright as a child of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and that he had died on January 1, 1803:

" . . . That your orators are the sons of Elizabeth Lewis one of the daughters of the Testator, by her first husband Francis Wright, and were in being at the death of the Testator and described in the said will as the children of the said Francis Wright. That the said Elizabeth Lewis, besides your orators, had two other children viz. one son - Johnson W. Wright, who departed this life on the 1st day of January 1803, leaving issue. Benedict D. Wright, and Polly R. Wright who has since intermarried with Samuel J. Booth, and one daughter Hannah Clark (formerly Lewis) who departed this life in 1815, leaving issue two daughters Judith Clark, and Betsey Clark, who has since intermarried with Marcellus Windsor. . . . "

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court entered the following order:

"Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

'Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

. . . .

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

. . . .

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright,

who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.
. . . .”

This record identifies Johnson W. Wright as a son of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and that he died in 1803.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Johnson Wigginton Wright and Polly (Dawson) Wright were the following:

- 1) Benedict D. Wright, born between 1794 and 1804, and
- 2) Mary "Polly" (Wright) Boothe, born in about 1800 in Virginia.

(I) Benedict D. Wright And His Wife Sally (Smith) Wright

Benedict D. Wright was a son of Johnson Wigginton Wright and Polly (Dawson) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1803 Johnson Wigginton⁶)

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Benedict D. Wright and Smith on April 3, 1820, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

“Wright, Benedict D. & Sally Smith 3 Apr. 1820, William Brann sec.”

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Benedict D. Wright as a son of Johnson W. Wright:

“To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only

children and heirs at law
...."

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict D. Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
Benedict D. Wright	1	16-26	1	16-26	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
1				

<u>Slaves Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other Persons</u>
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This record indicates that Benedict D. Wright and Sally (Smith) Wright were born between 1794 and 1804.

On October 9, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/132, Benedict D. Wright and his wife Sally Wright of Westmoreland County sold to Jeremiah Middleton all of their interest in the estate of Ann Garner:

"This Indenture made and entered into this ninth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty Between Benedict D Wright and Sally his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and Jeremiah Middleton of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Benedict D Wright and Sally his Wife for and in consideration of the Sum of eighty dollars to them in hand paid by the Said Jeremiah Middleton the receipt whereof the the Said Benedict and Sally his wife do hereby acknowledge have bargained and Sold, alien'd and Conveyed and by these presents, doth bargain and Sell alien and Convey unto the Said Jeremiah Middleton his heirs and assigns all my right title interest Claim or demands in and to all of the both real and personal est Ann Garner Deced. which was devised to her by her Father Benedt Middleton by his last will and Testament belonging or in any wise appurtenant thereunto. To Have and to hold all and Singular, the above mentioned property real and personal and every part and parcel thereof unto him the Said Jeremiah Middleton his heirs and assigns forever and the Said Benedict D Wright and Sally his wife for themselves and there heirs doth warrant & defend every part thereof, against them and their Heirs and against all and

every person and persons whatsoever to the Said Jeremiah Middleton his Heirs and Assigns forever as Witness Our hands and Seals the day and year first above Written

Signd Sealed and delivered in presence of us	)	Benedict D Wright
Witnesses	)	his
Witness	)	Sally X Wright
Presley C. Wright	)	mark
William Bran	)	The hand wright Presley C Wright proved by
his	)	the Oath of James C Wright.
Moses X Self Jun		
mark		

Received of Mr Jeremiah Middleton the above amount of eighty dollars it being in full of all demands &c

Test	Benedict D Wright
Presley C Wright	

Westmoreland County to Wit - We William Middleton & Robert Bailey Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid In the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Sarah Wright the wife of Benedict D Wright parties to the foregoing deed bearing date the ninth day of October 1820 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the Said Sarah Wright acknowledged the Same to be her act & Deed and declared She had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered, the Same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hand & Seals this 2d day of November eighteen hundred & twenty

William Middleton
Robert Bailey

Westmoreland County Court January 22d 1821

The foregoing deed of bargain & Sale from Benedict D Wright and Sarah his wife to Jeremiah Middleton together with the certificate of the privy examination of the said Sarah Wright being presented in Court and fully proved by the subscribing Witnesses is ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jo. Fox CWC

Feb'y 25th Received the Original for Jeremiah Middleton

Jim Wright"

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including Benedict D. Wright:

"Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife vs George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by George M Wright assigned their guardian	Plts Defts
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This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eights of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated"

On March 29, 1825, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/153,

Benedict D. Wright sold to Richard Straughan all of his interest in the estate of Presley Wright, deceased:

"This Indenture made this twenty ninth day of March one thousand eaight hundred and twenty five between Benedict D Wright of one part and Richard Straughan of the other parte, Witnesseth that for and in the consideration sum of forty dollars lawfull money of Virginia curance to the said Benedict D. Wright in hand paid by the said Richard Straughan hath bargained, sold, released, convaed, and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell release and convey and confirm unto the said Richard Straughan his heirs and assigns all my right titell interest and demand which I now hold and which I may hereafter have of, in and to all the land rents dues and demands to a tract of land Presley Wright decosed proseed at the time of his deth lying and beind in the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia I will forever Warrant and defend unto the said Richd. Straughan to his heirs or assigns all my rite and interest and titell to the above said land from me my heirs or assigns and all persons whatsoever

Signed Sealed and deli- Benedict D. Wright
vered in the presence of us

Westmoreland County Court Clerks office 14th April 1825.

The foregoing deed from Benedict D. Wright to Richard Straughan being this day presented & acknowledged before me by the said Wright is admitted to record

Teste,
Jno Graham C.W.C."

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Benedict D. Wright as a son of John W. Wright.

On March 22, 1828, in the case of Wright v. Boothe, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File 1838-012, William Wright filed his complaint against Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe to determine ownership of two slaves that were part of the estate of Johnson W. Wright and restrain them from disposing of the slaves:

"To the honourable justices of Westmoreland County in chancery sitting, humbly complaining sheweth to your worships, your orator William Wright, that your orator being administrator of Johnson W. Wright decd. had possession of the personal estate of the said decd. and among other things of two negroes, Martin and Hannah which were erroneously supposed to be the property of the said

Johnson W. Wright and as devised to him by the will of Benedict Middleton decd, and which were accordingly allotted to the said Johnson W. Wright decd. by commissioners appointed by the county court of Westmoreland to divide the estate of Benedict Middleton decd. and remained in the possession of your orator as the admr. subject to the legal demands of the creditors and distributees of Johnson W. Wright decd. That your orator having obtained the advice of able counsel, was informed that a false construction had been put upon the will of Benedict Middleton decd. by the commissioners appointed to divide his estate; and that Johnson W. Wright decd. had no claim whatsoever to the justice(?) of the said estate. that your orator with others (who it is unnecessary more to name) were entitled to Instructions under the said bill. That your orator thus advised determined to bring a suit for the settlement of the title to the said slaves & which suit is now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district. That Samuel J. Boothe (who intermarried with one of the daughters of Johnson W. Wright decd.) and Benedict D. Wright well knowing the premises, and being parties to the suit now pending in the Supr. Court of Chancery concerning the title to the said slaves, have forcibly dispossessed your orator of Martin one of the said slaves and as your orator verily believes, will unless restrained by the order of this honourable court sell the said slave, and send him beyond the jurisdiction of this court before the suit now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery can be decided. All which actings & doings of the said Samuel J Boothe and Benedict D Wright are contrary to equity and good conscience & tend to the manifest wrong and injury of your orator in the premises. In tender consideration whereof and inasmuch as your orator is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable and relievable, to the end therefore that the said Samuel J Boothe & Benedict D Wright may be made defendants hereto and full true and perfect answer make and that they may be restrained by the injunction of this honourable court from selling or in any manner disposing of the said slave, and that they may be required to enter into bond with sufficient security for the forthcoming of the said slave, and for his hire and profits, to answer the decree of the Supr. Court of Chancery in the suit now depending concerning the title to the said slaves. And for such other and further relief as to your worships may seem meet and the nature of the case may require. May it please your worships to grant to your orator the Commonwealths writ of subpoena.

Westmoreland County to wit)

This day William Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of Peace for the said County and made oath that the allegations contained in the within Bill are True. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March 1828.

Robert Murphy”

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of

Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and identifying Johnson W. Wright as a child of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and Benedict D.

Wright as a child of Johnson W. Wright:

". . . . That your orators are the sons of Elizabeth Lewis one of the daughters of the Testator, by her first husband Francis Wright, and were in being at the death of the Testator and described in the said will as the children of the said Francis Wright. That the said Elizabeth Lewis, besides your orators, had two other children viz. one son - Johnson W. Wright, who departed this life on the 1st day of January 1803, leaving issue. Benedict D. Wright, and Polly R. Wright who has since intermarried with Samuel J. Booth, and one daughter Hannah Clark (formerly Lewis) who departed this life in 1815, leaving issue two daughters Judith Clark, and Betsey Clark, who has since intermarried with Marcellus Windsor."

Benedict D. Wright has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court entered the following order:

"Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

'Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

. . . .

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

. . . .

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died

in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright, who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.
. . . ."

This record identifies Benedict D. Wright as a son of Johnson W. Wright.

Benedict D. Wright has not as yet been found in the 1840 Census.

(II) Mary W. Or R. "Polly" (Wright) Booth Or
Boothe And Her Husband Samuel J. Booth Or
Boothe

Mary W. or R. "Polly" (Wright) Booth or Boothe

was a daughter of Johnson Wigginton Wright and Polly (Dawson) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1803 Johnson Wigginton⁶)

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Mary W. Wright and Samuel J. Boothe on June 27, 1817, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Boothe, Samuel J. & Mary W. Wright 27 June 1817, William Brann sec."

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Samuel J. Boothe with the following household on August 7, 1820:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
Samuel J Boothe	1	26-45	1	16-26	
			2	0-10	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
2			1	45+

Slaves		Free		Free		All other
<u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Persons</u>
			<u>Age</u>		<u>Age</u>	

This record indicates that Mary W. or R. (Wright) Boothe was born between about 1794 and 1804 and that Samuel J. Boothe was born between about 1775 and 1794.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified Polly A. or R. (Wright) Boothe as a daughter of Johnson W. Wright and the wife of Samuel Boothe:

“To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

....

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law

....”

On May 19, 1824, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court ordered a division of the land of Francis Wright among the heirs, including Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R. (Wright) Boothe:

“Benedict Wright Wm Wright, Nancy Rust late Nancy Wright Benedict D Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly R his wife	Plts
vs	
George M Wright Presley C Wright John M Wright Sally E Wright, Peter P. C Straughn Richard Straughn Presley Wright and Hannah R Wright infant children and heirs at law of Richard Wright decd: by George M Wright assigned their guardian	Defts

This cause came on to be heard upon the bills answers of the other defts: exhibits and examinations of Witnesses and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thomas Stowers Robert Beale Robert Murphy William F Taliaferro and Robert Bailey be appointed commissioners to divide the tract of land in the bill mentioned, which

was devised by the will of Francis Wright decd to be equally to be divided amongst all his children, and that the said Commissioners or any three of them being attended by the surveyor of Westmoreland County, do cause the said land to be laid off into five parts of equal value and that they assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict Wright one other to the Plt Wm. Wright one other to the Plt Nancy Rust and that they cause one other of such parts to be subdivided into two parts of equal value and assign by lot one of such parts to the Plt Benedict D Wright and the other to the Plt Samuel Boothe in right of his wife Polly R and that they cause the remaining Fifth part to be subdivided into six parts, one of which part shall be of value equal to three eights of the said fifth part and be allotted to the deft Peter P. C Straughan, three other of such parts, shall be each of value equal to one eighth and one fifth of one fourth of the sd fifth part, one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley C Wright, one other to the deft John M Wright and one other to the deft: Sally E Wright, and two other of such parts shall be each of value equal to one fifth of one fourth of the said fifth part one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft George M Wright, the other be subdivided into two parts of equal value one of which shall be assigned by lot to the deft Presley Wright and the other to the deft Hannah R Wright and that the said Commissioners or such of them who may act make report to this Court of their proceedings herein together with a fair platt of the said land and the division and allotment thereof - and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of its Commissioners do take an account of the rents issues and profits of the said land since the commencement of this suit to wit the 3d day of May 1820 and state by which of the defendants the same or any part thereof have been received which account such commissioner is hereby directed to & report the same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated"

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed Polly R. (Wright) Boothe as a daughter of John W. Wright.

On March 22, 1828, in the case of Wright v. Boothe, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Chancery File 1838-012, William Wright filed his complaint against Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe to determine ownership of two slaves that were part of the estate of Johnson W. Wright and restrain them from disposing of the slaves:

"To the honourable justices of Westmoreland County in chancery sitting, humbly complaining sheweth to your worships, your orator William Wright, that your orator being administrator of Johnson W. Wright decd. had possession of the personal estate of the said decd. and among other things of two negroes, Martin and Hannah which were erroneously supposed to be the property of the said Johnson W. Wright and as devised to him by the will of Benedict Middleton decd, and which were accordingly allotted to the said Johnson W. Wright decd. by

commissioners appointed by the county court of Westmoreland to divide the estate of Benedict Middleton decd. and remained in the possession of your orator as the admr. subject to the legal demands of the creditors and distributees of Johnson W. Wright decd. That your orator having obtained the advice of able counsel, was informed that a false construction had been put upon the will of Benedict Middleton decd. by the commissioners appointed to divide his estate; and that Johnson W. Wright decd. had no claim whatsoever to the justice(?) of the said estate. that your orator with others (who it is unnecessary more to name) were entitled to Instructions under the said bill. That your orator thus advised determined to bring a suit for the settlement of the title to the said slaves & which suit is now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district. That Samuel J. Boothe (who intermarried with one of the daughters of Johnson W. Wright decd.) and Benedict D. Wright well knowing the premises, and being parties to the suit now pending in the Supr. Court of Chancery concerning the title to the said slaves, have forcibly dispossessed your orator of Martin one of the said slaves and as your orator verily believes, will unless restrained by the order of this honourable court sell the said slave, and send him beyond the jurisdiction of this court before the suit now depending in the Supr. Court of Chancery can be decided. All which actings & doings of the said Samuel J Boothe and Benedict D Wright are contrary to equity and good conscience & tend to the manifest wrong and injury of your orator in the premises. In tender consideration whereof and inasmuch as your orator is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity where matters of this sort are properly cognizable and relievable, to the end therefore that the said Samuel J Boothe & Benedict D Wright may be made defendants hereto and full true and perfect answer make and that they may be restrained by the injunction of this honourable court from selling or in any manner disposing of the said slave, and that they may be required to enter into bond with sufficient security for the forthcoming of the said slave, and for his hire and profits, to answer the decree of the Supr. Court of Chancery in the suit now depending concerning the title to the said slaves. And for such other and further relief as to your worships may seem meet and the nature of the case may require. May it please your worships to grant to your orator the Commonwealths writ of subpoena.

Westmoreland County to wit)

This day William Wright personally appeared before me a Justice of Peace for the said County and made oath that the allegations contained in the within Bill are True. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March 1828.

Robert Murphy”

This record in conjunction with the marriage record set forth above identifies Mary "Polly" (Wright) Boothe, the wife of Samuel J. Boothe, as a daughter of Johnson W. Wright.

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-

7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and identifying Johnson W. Wright as a child of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis and Polly R. (Wright) Booth, the wife of Samuel J. Booth, as a child of Johnson W. Wright:

" . . . That your orators are the sons of Elizabeth Lewis one of the daughters of the Testator, by her first husband Francis Wright, and were in being at the death of the Testator and described in the said will as the children of the said Francis Wright. That the said Elizabeth Lewis, besides your orators, had two other children viz. one son - Johnson W. Wright, who departed this life on the 1st day of January 1803, leaving issue. Benedict D. Wright, and Polly R. Wright who has since intermarried with Samuel J. Booth, and one daughter Hannah Clark (formerly Lewis) who departed this life in 1815, leaving issue two daughters Judith Clark, and Betsey Clark, who has since intermarried with Marcellus Windsor. . . . "

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Samuel J. Booth with the following household:

Names		Free White		Free White			
<u>Heads of Families</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>		
Samuel J Booth		1	30-40	1	20-30		
		2	0-5	1	10-15		
				1	5-0		
				1	0-5		
Slaves		Slaves		Free		Free	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
2	0-10	2	10-24	1	10-24	1	24-36
		2	0-10	2	0-10	1	0-10

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>

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Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind
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This record indicates that Mary W. or R. (Wright) Boothe was born between about 1800 and 1810 and that Samuel J. Boothe was born between about 1780 and 1790.

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court entered the following order:

“Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

‘Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

....

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

....

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright, who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.

....”

This record identifies Polly (Wright) Boothe as a daughter of Johnson W. Wright.

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Samuel J. Booth with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Persons</u>		<u>Free White Persons</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Samuel J Booth	1	50-60	1	40-50
	3	15-20	1	15-20
	1	5-10	1	10-15
	1	0-5	1	5-10
			1	0-5

<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Slaves</u>		<u>Slaves</u>	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
						1	24-36
						1	0-10

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
14		2		1		

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>		
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb</u>		<u>Blind</u>
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>	

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In- sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>			
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>	
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

Schools, &c.						
<u>Univer-</u> <u>sities</u> <u>or College</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Students</u>	<u>Acade-</u> <u>mies &</u> <u>Grammar</u> <u>Schools</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u>	<u>Primary</u> <u>and</u> <u>Common</u> <u>Schools</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Scholars</u> <u>at public</u> <u>charge</u>

No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Mary W. or R. (Wright) Boothe was born between about 1790 and 1800 and that Samuel J. Boothe was born between about 1780 and 1790.

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Samuel J. Boothe with the following household on August 19, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of</u> <u>Real Estate</u>
Samuel J Boothe	60	M		Farmer	
Mary Boothe	50	F		.	
James Boothe	27	M		Farmer	
Mary S Boothe	20	F		.	
Samuel Boothe	22	M		Farmer	
John Boothe	18	M		Laborer	
Sarah Boothe	16	F		.	
Bend Boothe	14	M		.	
Hannah Boothe	11	F		.	
Susan Boothe	9	F		.	

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
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Va				
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Va				
Va				
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This record indicates that Mary W. or R. (Wright) Boothe was born in about 1800 and that Samuel J. Boothe was born in about 1790.

Neither Mary W. or R. (Wright) Boothe nor Samuel J. Boothe has as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

The death record of Hanner Right Booth dated on June 9, 1924, in Mundy Point, Northumberland County, Virginia, listed her parents as Samuel Booth and Mary J. Wright and her birth on November 14, 1840, in Virginia.

vi. 1845 William Wright Of Westmoreland County, His
Wives Mary Presley "Polly" (Claughton) Wright And
Lucy (Purssell) Wright, And His Descendants

1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County was a son of 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵)

The will of Francis Wright Dated on December 6, 1775, and probated on March 26, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 18/294, listed Wright Wright as one of his sons:

"In the Name of God Amen I Francis Wright of Westmoreland County do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I leave my Land I Purchased of Mr. John Rust to be sold to pay my Just debts at Publick oction or Privet Sale as my Executors hereafter named shall think proper and whatever the Land Sells for then will Pay my debts the money to be Eaquely divided between my three sons Benedick Wright Johnson Wiginton Wright & Wright Wright Secondly I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth the use of my house wherein I now live and the third part of the Land Joining the

house during her life I allso leave her the third part of all my Personal Estate for and during her Natrial life and after her death to be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. Thirdly my will and desire is that all the rest of my Estate not before given shall be Eaquely divided amongst all my Children. I do appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Capt. Bendk. Middleton Junr. & Fleet Cox Executors of this my last will & Testament. As Witness my hand this 6th day of December 1775.

Fleet Cox Jun.
Elijah Mood
Elizabeth Middleton

Francis Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of March 1793. On the Motion of Francis Wright it is ordered that this Will be recorded the Heirs at Law consenting thereto.

Examd.

Teste
J Bland CWC"

The reference to "Wright Wright" was apparently a copying mistake by either the attorney preparing the will or the clerk of the court when copying the will into the record book. As will be set forth below, the name of this son was William Wright, not Wright Wright. This record indicates that William Wright was born before December 6, 1775.

On June 22, 1793, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 7/254, an accounting for the estate of Francis Wright was filed:

"Wright Francis)
Executors Account) The Estate of Francis Wright deceased

In Account with George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Ex.

				Cr
				Tobacco
To Board and Sundry Charges against	Benedict Wright	106		23.6.0
To Ditto	Johnson W Wright	106		24.1.0
To Ditto	William Wright			<u>23.2.3</u>
				212 10.9.3
				Ib Tobo
To Vincent Marmaduke Sheriff for	690	£1.9.7/2		
To Thomas Sanford Sheriff for	258	8.6. 1	£5.13.11	Certificate Tax
To Benjn Branham Sheriff Richd for	<u>51</u>	<u>5.6.10½</u>	<u>1.15. 6</u>	ditto
				1205 15.2. 7 7. 9. 5
By Hire of Negroe Fay from 1783 to 1792 both inclusive				51.10.0
By Cash of Presly Wright				12. 5.9

By the proportions of the three Children Benedict Johnson
and William of the Stock furniture &c

56.19.3
£120.15.0

In obedience to an order of the worshipfull Court of Westmoreland County bearing Date the 25 day of June 1793 we have Examined the account of George Lewis who intermarried with Elizabeth Wright Executrix of Francis Wright Deceased, with the Estate of the said deceased and report that he Exhibited an account according to the above Debits and that those respecting Taxes &c were without vouchers and that it appears that the said Estate should have Credits agreeable to those stated above. Given under our hands the 22d day of June 1793

Samuel Rust
Chrisr. Collins
John Yeatman

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22d day of June 1793. This Account of the Settlement of the Executorship on the Estate of Francis Wright Deceased, returned pursuant to a former order of this court and ordered to be Recorded

Examd

Teste
J Bland CWC"

This record identifies William Wright as a child of Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis.

The marriage bond of William Wright and Polly P. Claughton was dated on May 23, 1796, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Know all men by these Presents that we William Wright & Benedict Lamkin are held & firmly bound unto Robert Brooke esqr. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the time being & his successors in the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly & severally firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals & dated this 23d day of May 1796.

The Condition of the Obligation is that if there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had & solemnized between the said William Wright, bachelor and Polly P. Claughton Spinster then this Obligation to be void else to remain in full force & Virtue

W Wright
Bendt. Lamkin

Sealed & delivered)
in the presence of)
Tho. Pollard"

Married Well And Often by Robert K. Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of William Wright and Mary "Polly" Presley Claughton on May 23, 1796, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Wright, William & Claughton, Mary ("Polly") P[resley]; b. 23 May 1796; Benedict Lamkin (sec.); groom was born 28 Aug 1774, a son of Francis & Elizabeth (Middleton) Wright; bride was a dau. of James & Hannah Claughton; (NC RB 14:589; MLB NC)

On July 2, 1799, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/91, William Wright of Westmoreland County purchased from Elizabeth McFarlane 110 acres of land in Westmoreland County:

"McFarlane)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made the 2nd day of July in the Year of our lord 1799 Between Elisabeth McFarlane of the County of Westmoreland of the one part and William Wright of the County aforesaid of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Elisabeth McLane for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & Fifty Pounds current money of Virginia to me the said Elisabeth in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I the said Elisabeth McLane hath granted bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns a Tract of land lying in the Parish of Cople in the County aforesaid and containing one hundred and Ten Acres being all the maiden land belonging to the said Elisabeth and bounded as follows Vist. on the east side by the lands which the late Fleet Cox purchased of Thomas Moore on the North by a tract of land Called Davis's on the West by the land Which Doctr. Thomas McLanie purchased of Conway and on the south by the road leading from Richmond Courthouse to Kinsale, and also all woods, ways, water courses profits commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances, Buildings and houses whatsoever to the said Tract of Land above described belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders, rents Issues and Profits of the said premisses and every part & parcel thereof and all the estate right, Title, Interest claim and Demand whatsoever of her the said Elisabeth McFarlane of in and to the said land, and Tenements and Premisses and every part thereof To have and To hold the said lands and Tenements and all and Singular other the Premisses above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenances unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Elisabeth

McFarlane for himself and her heirs the said Land and Appurtenances and every part thereof against her and her heirs and against all and every person and persons whatsoever to the said William Wright his heirs & assigns shall and will Warrant and forever defend by the presents In Witness whereof I the said Elisabeth hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered In our presence	)		her	
Nathl. Oldham	)	Elisabeth	X	McFarlane
J. W. Wright				
J Dawson				
Saml Harrison				
Richard Wright				

July 2nd 1799

Then received payment in full of the within Land I say received p me

Teste		her	
Nathaniel Oldham	Elisabeth	X	McFarling
J. W. Wright		mark	
J Dawson			
James Harrison			
Richd. Wright			

At a Court held for Westmd County the 27th day of January 1800. The aforegoing deed from McFarlane to Wright was presented to the Court and proved by the oaths of Samuel Harrison and Johnston W. Wright two of the witnesses thereto and lodged for further proof and at January Court fully proved by the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jos: Fox Jun CWC"

The 1799 and 1800 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with 110 acres of land, reflecting his purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 20/91.

On February 11, 1800, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/106, William Wright of Northumberland County purchased from Samuel Clarke and Hannah (Lane) Clarke 100 acres of land:

"Clarke & Wife)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made and entered into this 11th day of February Between Samuel Clarke and Hannah Lane his wife of the county of Northumberland which said Hannah Lane is the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis deceased heretofore of the county of Westmoreland and state of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of the county of Northumberland and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the said Elizabeth Lewis was in her life time seised in Fee simple in and to a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, in the parish of Couple and county of westmoreland and Whereas by the death of the said Elizabeth Lewis the aforesaid land with its appurtenances descended to the children of her the said Elizabeth and which said estate hitherto has been and Yet remains undivided and whereas the above named Samuel Clarke and Hannah Lane his wife have this day covenanted and agreed to and with the said William Wright to sell unto him and his heirs and assigns all their right title and Interest in and to the aforesaid Land its appurtenances Now This Indenture further Witnesseth that for and in consideration of Twenty six pounds Current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said William Wright at and before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is fully Acknowledged by the said Samuel Clarke and Hannah Lane his Wife they the said Samuel and Hannah have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said William Wright and his heirs and assigns all this right Title and Interest which they have and possess in and to the aforesaid Tract of Land containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less it being bounded on the North by the land of Capt. William Middleton deceased on the east by the Land of Daniel Harrison on the south by the land of Capt. Samuel Calle and on the west by the land of Bennedict Lamkin together with all ways waters water courses Tenements and Heriditaments thereunto in any wise belonging To have and To hold all and singular the right Title and Interest which they have and possess in and to the aforesaid Land and its appurtenances unto him the said William Wright and his heirs and assigns forever And the said Samuel Clarke and Hannah Lane his wife for themselves their heirs Executors and Admors do further covenant and agree to and with the said William Wright his heirs and assigns that they will warrant and defend the Title in and to one fourth part of the above described land unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever not only against themselves and their heirs, but against every person and persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the said Samule Clarke and Hannah Lane his Wife have hereunto set their hands & Seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed and Deli-)	Samuel Clarke	
vered In our presence)		her
Stephen Bailey	Hannah Lane	X Clarke
William Forbes		mark
Nathl. Oldham		
J. W. Wright		

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture of the within named William Wright full consideration for the within.

Teste
Stephen Bailey
Nathl. Oldham
J W Wright
William Forbes

Samuel Clarke

Hannah Lane

her
X Clarke
mark

The Common Wealth of Virginia To William Forbes and Stephen Bailey
Gentlemen Greeting Whereas Samuel Clarke and Hannah Lane his Wife by their
certain Indenture of bargain and Sale bearing date the seventh day of February
1800 have sold and conveyed unto William Wright a certain Tract of Land as
Specified in deed of date above Written And whereas the said Hannah Lane
cannot conveniently travel to our court house to make acknowledgement of the
said Conveyance. Therefore we do give unto you or any two or more of you
power to recieve the acknowledgement which she the said Hannah Lane shall be
willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said
Indenture which is hereunto annexed and we do therefore command you that
you do personally go to the said Hannah Lane and receive her
Acknowledgement of the same and examine her privately and apart from the
said Samuel Clarke her husband whether she doth the same freely and
Voluntarily without his pursuations or threats and whether she be willing that the
same should be recorded in our said County court of Westmoreland aforesaid
and when you have received her acknowledgement examined her as a foresaid
that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your seals
sending then there the said Indenture and this Writ Witness Joseph Fox Jun.
Clerk of our said court the 7th day of February 1800 and in the 24th year of the
commonWealth

Jos: Fox Jun CWC

Westmor to Wit

In obedience to within - We William Forbes and Stephen Bailey two of the
CommonWealths Justices of the peace for the aforesaid County have examined
the within named Hannah Lane privately and apart from her husband, she
declared the within specified conveyance to be made by her freely and
Voluntarily without any persuation and is Willing that the same shall be recorded.
As Witness our hands and Seals this 7th February 1800

William Forbes
Stephen Bailey

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 24th day of March 1800 The
aforegoing deed of bargain and sale and the reciept thereon from Clark and Wife
To Wright with a commission annexed to take the privy examination of Hannah
Lane the wife of the within named Samuel Clarke was presented to the Court
and proved by the witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jos: Fox Jun CWC"

On June 27, 1800, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/174, William Wright of Westmoreland County purchased from Lewis Chastain and Anne Cox 220 acres of land in Westmoreland County on which Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane formerly lived:

"Chastain & Cox)
To)
Wright)

This Indenture made the 27th day of June 1800 Between Lewis Chastain of Tredwick and Anne Cox of Northumberland county of the one part and William Wright of Westmoreland county of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Lewis and Anne for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds specie to them in hand paid by the said William which is hereby acknowledged they the said Lewis and Anne have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said William and his heirs and assigns that certain tract or parcel of Land situate in the said County of Westmoreland adjoining the lands of Bennedict Middleton and others and is described to be all the land whereon the late Elizabeth McFarlane the widow of the late Doctor Thomas McFarlane did reside and containing two hundred and twenty acres of land be the same more or less together with all houses outhouses Tenements heriditaments ways, water courses reversions and remainders thereunto in any wise appertaining To have and to hold and singular the aforesaid land with the appurtenances unto the said William Wright and his heirs and assigns forever And the said Lewis and Anne for themselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said William and his heirs and assigns that they have Just right full power and lawfull Authority to sell the aforesaid land and premisses and in manner aforesaid, as also that they the said Lewis and Anne have a full and absolute estate in in fee in and to the same and every part thereof And therefore that the title in and to the same with the appurtenances they the said Lewis and Anne Jointly and severally will forever warrant and defend unto the said William and his heirs and assigns not only against them the said Lewis and Anne and each of them but also against all and every person or persons wheresoever or whatsoever In witness whereof they the said Lewis and Anne have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Deli-)	Lewis Chastain
vered in our presence)	her
Bennadict Lamkin	Anne X Cox
J W. Wright	mark
Phl. White	
J Dawson	
Anne Lamkin	

Mathew Lamkin

Received of the within named William Wright the Within mentioned sum of two hundred and sixty pounds, it being the consideration for the above. Witness our hands this 27th day of June 1800.

Teste	Lewis Chastain
J. Dawson	her
J. W. Wright	Anne X Cox
Benjn Lamkin	mark
Phil White	

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22nd day of December 1800.

The foregoing deed of bargain and sale from Lewis Chastain and Anne Cox to William Wright was presented to the court in November last and proved by the oath of Johnston W. Wright, and at December following fully proved and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Joseph Fox Jun C.W.C."

On November 8, 1800, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/168, William Wright and his wife Polly Presely Wright of Westmoreland County sold to Youel Gilbert, Samuel Gilbert, and Nancy Gilbert 52 acres of land which had been allotted to him from his grandfather Benedict Middleton's estate:

"Wright et ux)
To)
Gilbert)

This Indenture made the 8th day of November 1800 Between William Wright and Polly Presley Wright his wife of Westmoreland County of the one part and Youel Gilbert, Samuel Gilbert and Nancy Gilbert of the County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said William and Polly Presley for and in consideration of the sum of seventy eight pounds specie to them in hand Paid by the said Youel Samuel and Nancy which is hereby acknowledged by the said William and Polly Presley have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Youel Samuel and Nancy their heirs and assigns that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the said county of westmoreland adjoining the lands of Harrison, Samuel Crallee, Johnston W. Wright and others and described to be the land allotted to him from his grand Father Bennedict Middletons Estate and containing fifty two acres of land be the same more or less with all houses out houses Tenements hereditaments ways water courses To have and To hold all and singular the aforesaid land with the appurtenances unto the said Youel Samuel and Nancy and their heirs and assigns forever And the said William and

Polly Presley his wife for themselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said Youel Samuel and Nancy and their heirs and assigns that they have Just right full power and lawfull authority To sell the aforesaid land and premisses in manner aforesaid as also that they the said William and Polly Presley have a full and absolute estate in fee in and to the same and every part thereof and therefore that the title in and to the same with the appurtenances they the said William and Polly Presley his wife Jointly and severally will forever warrant and defend unto the said Youel, Samuel and Nancy and their heirs and assigns not only against them the said William and Polly Presley his wife and each of them but also against all and every person or persons wheresoever and whatsoever In Witness whereof they the said William and Polly Presley his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their Seals the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed Sealed and Deli-)	William Wright
vered in our presence)	Polly P. Wright
Levi Hillard	
Richard Bennett	
Stephen Bailey	
George Whitelock	
George Gordon	

Received 8th November 1800 Seventy pounds in full satisfaction for the within Deed.

Witness	William Wright
Richard Bennett	
Levi Hillard	
George Whitelock	
Stephen Bailey	

The Commonwealth of Virginia To William Forbes, Richard Bennett and Stephen Bailey Gentleman Greeting Whereas William Wright and Polly P. Wright his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 8th day of November 1800 have sold and conveyed unto Youel Gilbert, Samuel Gilbert, and Nancy Gilbert and whereas the said Polly P. Wright cannot conveniently travel to our County Court of westmoreland to make acknowledgement of the said conveyance - therefore we do give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgement which she the said Polly P. Wright shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said indenture which is hereunto annexed - and we do therefore command you that you do personally go to the said Polly P. Wright and receive her acknowledgement of the same and examine her privately and apart from the said William Wright her husband whether she doth the same freely and Voluntarily without his persuasions or threats, and whether she be willing that the same should be recorded in our said County Court of Westmoreland aforesaid, and when you have received her acknowledgement, examining her as aforesaid that you

distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said County court under your seals sending then there this said Indenture and this Writ Witness Joseph Fox Jun Clerk of our said County Court the 8th day of November 1800 and in the 25th Year of the Commonwealth.

Joseph Fox Junr.

Westmrd. Sct.

Agreeable to the within commission to us directed we this day met and have taken the privy examination of Polly P. Wright separate and apart from William Wright her husband and she the said Polly P. Wright without force or threat did acknowledge the said bargain and sale of her own free will and accord. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of November 1800.

Richard Bennett
Stephen Bailey

At a Court held for Westmorland County the 24th day of November 1800.

The foregoing deed of bargain and sale together with a commission annexed for the privy examination of Polly Wright was presented to the Court and proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto subscribed was ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Joseph Fox Jun CWC"

The net amount of land acquired by Westmoreland County Deeds 20/106, 20/168, and 20/174 was 268 acres which, when combined with Deed 20/91, amounted to a total of 378 acres of land.

The 1801, 1802, and 1803 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with 378 acres of land.

The 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, and 1809 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with 220 acres of land. It is as yet unclear why the amount of land owned by William Wright decreased from 378 to 220 acres.

On March 8, 1809, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 21/475, George Garner transferred to William Wright as trustee certain land and slaves to be held in trust for the benefit of Garner's wife Ann:

"This Indenture made this 8th day of March in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and nine, Between George Garner of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said George Garner for and in

consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars to him in hand paid by the said William Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, and for the further consideration of the natural love he beareth to his beloved wife Ann, hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and Sell unto the said William Wright his heirs Executors and administrators forever all the land and negroes he got by his wife Ann in Consequence of their marriage, which Negroes are of the following names to Wit Jinny, Judy, Peachey, Sally, William, Lydnor, James Milley, and Alleck, Together with the Six following negroes Namely Peggy Johnston Harry Judy Caroline and Fanny and all the house hold and Kitchen furniture and all his Stock of horses, Cattle Sheep and Hogs also One half of the tract of land whereon he dwells, including the houses and Orchards the division line to run from North East to South West with all and singular the appurtanances thereunto belonging or in any any wise appurtaining to him the said William Wright his heirs Executors or administrators forever upon trust Nevertheless that the said William Wright shall take possession of the above land and negroes and other Estate immediately for the sole use and purpose of the said George Garners beloved wife Ann and her heirs forever In Confirmation whereof the said George Garner hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year above Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered In the presence of) George Garner
William Middleton)
Richard Wright
George M Wright

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th March 1809

This Deed of trust from George Garner to William Wright was fully proved and Ordered to be recorded

Teste
Joseph Fox CWC"

On July 3, 1809, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 21/531, William Wright purchased from Luke Hanson a parcel of land in Westmoreland County that had been allotted to Jane Bailey:

"This Indenture made this third day of July 1809 Between Luke Hanson assignee of Jain Bailey of Mason County State of Kentuckey of the one part and William Wright of the County of Westmoreland State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth That the said Luke Hanson Assignee of Jain Bailey for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty pounds to him in hand paid by the said William Wright is hereby acknowledged, he the said Luke Hanson assignee of Jain Bailey bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said William Wright and his heirs and assigns, that certain tract or parcel of Land

Situate in the County of Westmoreland adjoining the Land of Benedick Middleton and others its being part of a tract divided between the said Jane Bailey, Ann Cox and Lewis Chasteen it being all the Interest title and demand of the aforesaid Jane Bailey, with all Houses, ways, Water Courses, and remainders hereunto in any wise appertaining and singular the aforesaid Land with the appertenances unto the said William Wright and his Heirs and assigns forever, and the said Luke Hanson assee for himself and his Heirs, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said William Wright and his heirs and assigns that he has just right, full power, and Lawfull authority to sell the aforesaid Land and premises in manner aforesaid, as also that he the said Luke Hanson Assee of Jane Bailey his full and absolute Estate in and to the same and every part thereof that the title in and to the same with the appertenances, he the said Luke Hanson Assee of Jane Bailey will forever warrant and defend unto said William Wright and his heirs and assigns forever against himself his Heirs and all other person or persons whatsoever In Witness whereof he the said Luke Hanson Assee of Jane Bailey have hereunto set his hand and seale the day and year above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed and deli-) Luke Hanson
vered In presence of)
Bendt Lamkin
Samuel King
William King
George M Wright

Received of William Wright fifty pounds curency of the United States as witness my hand and seale this 4th day of July 1809

Teste Luke Hanson
Bendt Lamkin
Samuel King
William King
George M. Wright

Know all men by these presents that I Jane Bailey of the county of Mason and State of Kentucky have ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents make, constitute, ordain and appoint Luke Hanson of Burbun County in the State of Kentucky my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and to my use and behoof to execute any part or the whole of the business pertaining to my legacy consisting of Lands and other property in the State of Virginia Westmoreland County &c to sell, lease, rents, or otherwise dispose of as to him shall seem best, and also for me and in my name, place, and stead, and as my proper acts and deed or deeds of conveyance, bills of Sale &c to receive monies of William Wright, Samuel Templeman, Anne Cox and others who may have made legal purchases and to convey any property concerning in any wise the bequeathed part of my estate in the County and State aforesaid and agreements respecting the same which my said attorney shall make or enter into with any

person or persons in as full ample manner to all interest & purposes as I the said Jain Bailey might or could do if I was their and there presents and also ratifying and confirming all whatsoever acts and things my said attorney shall do or cause to be done by virtue and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents in Witness whereof I have set my hand & Seale this 14th of June 1809.

Sealed & delivered) Jane Bailey
in the presence of)

Original delivered William Wright this the third Sept 1812"

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household on August 6, 1810:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
William Wright	1	26-45	1	26-45		
	1	10-16	2	0-10		
	1	0-10				

This record indicates that William Wright and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright were born between about 1775 and 1794.

The 1810 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with 220 acres of land and a second parcel of 110 acres acquired from Hanks. That second parcel may have been the land purchased from Luke Hanson and the name of the transferor was incorrectly listed in the Land Tax records..

The 1811 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with 220 acres of land and a second parcel now listed as of 100 acres acquired from Hanks.

On January 3, 1812, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 22/280, William Wright purchased from Habron More and George More 30 acres of land:

"Moore)
to)
Wright)

This Indenture made this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1812
Between Habron More and Geo. More of Middlesix County of the one part, and William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Habron & George More, for and in consideration of the some of One hundred dollars current money of Virginia to me the said

Habron More in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I the said Habron & Geo. More Hath granted bargain'd and Sold and by these presents Doth grant bargain & Sell unto the said Wm. Wright his heirs & Assigns A Tract of Land lying in the parish of Cople & County aforesaid and containing 30 Acres being the same more or less and known by the name of Elender Habrons, and also all Woods ways, water courses profits, commodities, Hereditiments and Appurtenances, Buildings & Houses whatsoever to the said Tract of Land Above described belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and Reversions, remainder & remainders, Rents, issues & profits of the said premises & of every part and parcel thereof and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Habron & George More of in and to the said Lands and Tenements and Premises & every part thereof To have and to hold the said Lands and Tenements and all and Singular other the premises above mentioned, and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenances, unto the said William Wright his Heirs and Assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said William Wright his heirs and Assigns forever. And the above mentioned Habron and George More for themselves and their Heirs the said Land and Appurtenances and every part thereof against them and their Heirs, and against all and every person and persons whatsoever, to the said William Wright and his Heirs and Assigns and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof we the said Habron and George More hath hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this day and year first above written.

Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd)		his	
in our presence)	Habron	X	Moore
Robert Bailey		mark	
Vincent T. Branson			
Jeremiah Middleton			
James Sorrell			
John Lyell			

Received the within amount of One hundred Dollars in full.

Witness		his	
Robert Bailey	Habron	X	Moore
Vincent T. Branson		mark	
Jeremiah Middleton			
James Sorrell			
John Lyell			

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Westmoreland County the 25th day of May 1812. The foregoing Indenture of bargain and Sale, and receipt thereon indorsed from Habron and George Moore to William Wright were proved by the oaths of Robert Bailey, Jeremiah Middleton and James Sorrell three of the Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jos: Fox Cl. Cur."

The 1812 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 220 acres of land. The document disposing of the second parcel for 100 acres has not as yet been found.

The 1813 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 220 acres of land and a second parcel of 30 acres of land from Hobron and George Moore, reflecting the purchase by Westmoreland County Deed 22/280.

The 1814 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 250 acres of land, representing a consolidation of the 220 acre and 30 acre parcels and a second parcel with no acreage listed.

The 1815 through 1820 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 250 acres of land and a second parcel of 100 acres of land for which he was described as tenant by a conveyance bond, indicating leased land.

On February 26, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/54, William Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Job Self to secure a debt due to Peter P. Cox and Robert Bailey, merchants.

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household on August 7, 1820:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
William Wright	1	45+	2	45+	
	1	10-16	1	16-26	
	1	0-10	1	10-16	
			3	0-10	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
12			3	45+
			3	26-45
			5	14-26
			7	0-14

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other</u> <u>Persons</u>
5	26-45	1	26-45	1	14-26	
1	14-26			1	0-14	
6	0-14					

This record indicates that William Wright was born before about 1775 and in conjunction with the 1810 Census, in about 1775.

On July 8, 1820, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, Benedict Wright, William Wright, and Nancy (Wright) Rust, Benedict D. Wright, Samuel Boothe, and Polly A. (Wright) Boothe filed a suit to recover their interest in the land of Francis Wright and which identified William Wright as a son of Francis Wright:

“To the honourable Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg district

Your Orators and Oratrices, Benedict Wright, William Wright, Nancy Rust widow of Matthew Rust deceased, Benedict D. Wright and Samuel Boothe and Polly A his wife, humbly complaining shew to your honour that

. . . .

- Your complainants further shew that the said Francis Wright left only five children living at the time of his death to wit Presley Wright, Your orators and oratrix Benedict, William and Nancy, and Johnson W Wright (since deceased) the father of your Orator and Oratrix Benedict D and Polly R who are his only children and heirs at law

. . . .”

The 1821 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 200 acres of land.

The 1822 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 30 acres of land and the 200 acre parcel was now listed as owned by William Wright, Jr.

On June 28, 1822, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/396, William Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Charles Askin to secure a debt due to Robert Bailey.

The 1823 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 200 acres of land and the 200 acre parcel was

listed as changed from William Wright, Jr., reflecting the death of William Wright, Jr., and the reversion of the land to his father William Wright, Sr.

On November 6, 1823, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/156, William Wright purchased from Jeremiah and Nancy Middleton the land purchased by Jeremiah Middleton from Benedict D. Wright by Westmoreland County Deed 24/132:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 6th day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Between Jeremiah Middleton and Nancey his wife of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the Said Jeremiah Middleton and Nancey his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of eighty dollars lawful money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said William Wright the receipt whereof they the Said Jeremiah and Nancey his wife do hereby Acknowledge have bargained and Sold alliened conveyed and Cofirmed and by these presents doth bargain and Sell Alleien Convey and Confirm unto the said William Wright his heirs and assigns all my right title Interest Claim or demand, into all the real and personal property which said Jeremiah Middleton purchased of Benedict D Wright Belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto To Have and To Hold all and Singular the above mentioned property both real and personal and every part and parcel thereof unto him the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever and them the said Jeremiah Middleton and Nancey his wife for themselves and their heirs doth warrant and defend every part thereof against them and their heirs and against all and every person and persons whatsoever, to the said William Wright his heirs and assigns forever as witness our hands and seals the day month and year first above Written

Signed Sealed and deli-	)	Jeremiah Middleton
vered in presence of	)	Nancy Middleton
Robert Bailey		
Wm Middleton		
John Critcher		

Westmoreland To Wit - We William Middleton and Robert Bailey Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby Certify that Nancey Middleton the wife of Jeremiah Middleton parties to a Certain Deed bearing date on the 6th November 1820 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the Deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Nancey Middleton Acknowledged the same to be her Act and Deed and declared that She willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same and that She wished not to Retract it Given under our hands and Seals this 6th day of November 1820

Robert Bailey
William Middleton

Westmoreland County Court Clerk's office March 26th 1821 The foregoing deed of Bargain and Sale for Real and personal Estate from Middleton and wife to Wright being fully proved before the Clerk is together with the Certificate of Privey examination thereon endorsed admitted to Record

Test
Jo Fox CWC"

On September 26, 1823, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/21,
William Wright gifted to James C. Wright 200 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty three between William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia of the one part and James C. Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part - Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to to him in hand paid by the said James C. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the sd William Wright doth give grant bargain and sell and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said James C. Wright a Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and known to be the land formerly belonging to George Garner decd., and which said land was given in trust to his wife Ann Garner and was devised to the said William Wright by the said Ann Garner And is bounded by the lands of John Murphy George B. Cary John Campbell and Williboughby Newton And contains Two hundred acres be the same more or less together with all houses out houses gardens orchards fences wood under woods waters & water courses & appertenances thereunto or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid land and premises to him the said James C. Wright his Heirs Exors admors and assigns forever. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above Written

Signed sealed and acknowl-) Wm. Wright
edged in presents of)
Peter C. Cloughton
James English

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 23rd day of February 1824 - The foregoing Deed for real estate being produced in open court & acknowledged by William Wright was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Jno. Graham C.W.C."

The 1824 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 200 acres of land and did not list William Wright, Jr., owning any land.

same to the Court with any matter specially stated which he may deem pertinent on any party may require to be so stated”

On July 23, 1824, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/70, William Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Nathaniel Lefavor to secure a debt due to Robert Bailey.

The 1825 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 30 acres, and listed the 200 acre parcel of land as belonging to James C. Wright, reflecting the gift of Westmoreland County Deed 25/21.

On December 29, 1825, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/251B, William Wright sold to Jane Wroe 85 acres of land:

"This Indenture made this twenty ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five Between William Wright of the One part and Jane Wroe of the other part each of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia - Witnesseth that the said William Wright for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid by Jane Wroe before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt Whereof I do hereby acknowledge and for myself and my heirs have this day bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said Jane Wroe and her heirs forever a certain tract and parcel of land called Tibbes containing by a late survey made by Mr. Samuel Lamkin the number of eighty five acres of land Situate lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and bounded as follows Viz: Northeast by the maind road leading from Oldhams X Roads towards Carters old double Mills Northwest by the lands of Presley Wright decd. Southe and south West by the lands of Peter Smith formerly the Lands of Moses Self Southe and Southeast by the Main road leading from Lyell's Stoor to the aforesaid Oldhams X Roads together with all improvements thereon being nothing moore than that of fenceing which said Eighty five acres of Land together with all the improvements aforesaid I do hereby Warrant unto her the said Jane Wroe to be free from the Claim or Claims of my self and my heirs forever. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the day and year as above Written

Teste,
Lemuel Yerby
Bendt Walker
James C. Wright

Wm. Wright

At a court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of February 182__

This Deed from William Wright to Jane Wroe being presented in Open Court and acknowledged by the said Wright is Ordered to be Recorded

Teste,
Jno. Graham C.W.C."

The 1826 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 30 acres.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Wright v. Wright, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Chancery Court File 286-16, the court of appeals entered an order reversing the lower court decision in part and including a chart of the family tree of Francis Wright, set forth above, which listed William Wright as a son of Francis Wright.

On November 2, 1826, in the case of Straughan & Others v. Wright & Others, 4 Rand 493, the court entered the following order:

"This was an appeal from the Chancery Court of Fredericksburg, where William Wright and others filed their bill against Richard Wright and others, praying partition of a tract of land. The facts are set forth at large in the following opinion:

Stanard, for the appellants.
J. Mayo, for the appellees.

November 2. Judge Green delivered his opinion, in which the other Judges concurred.

Richard Wright, by his will dated in 1740, devised to his son Francis, a tract of land in Lower Machodick, which had been given to the testator by his brother John Wright, and also, after the death of is wife, the tract of land on which the testator lived, to him and his heirs forever. Francis Wright was then, as appears by the will, under the age of eighteen. Francis made his will in December, 1775, and died before the 26th of March, 1776. By this will, he directed that the land he had purchased of John Rust, should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus proceeds of the sale equally divided between his three sons, Benedict Wright, Johnson Wigginton Wright, and Wright Wright. (The testator had no son named Wright Wright, and no attempt is made to shew which of the sons was intended by this name.) He also gave to his wife the dwelling-house and one-third of the land adjoining it, for life; and also, one-third of his personal estate, for life; and after her death, to be equally divided amongst all his children; and directed that all the rest of his estate should be equally divided amongst all his children. On the 26th of March, 1776, the will was proved by three witnesses. The executors qualified; and John Rochester, who was chosen guardian of Presley Wright, the heir at law of Francis Wright, was directed to be summoned to contest the recording of the will. No step was taken on this order, so far as appears. But, on the 26th of March, 1793, the Court in which the will was recorded, made an order in these words: "On the motion of Francis Wright, it is ordered that this will be recorded, the heir at law consenting thereto." On the

13th of November, 1753, Gerard Davis and Thomas M'Farlane and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed 123 acres of land to Francis Wright, which does not appear to have lain adjoining any other land held by Francis Wright. Francis Wright left five children living at the time of his death, Presley, (the eldest son, and heir at law,) Benedict, William, Nancy, and Johnson W. Wright. Such of those children as were alive, and the representatives of one who was dead, filed their bill on the 12th of July, 1820, against the heirs of Presley Wright, who died in 1810, intestate; and afterwards against the purchasers claiming under some of the heirs of Presley Wright, claiming a partition of a tract of land described as containing ___ acres, of which Francis Wright died seised and possessed, and which he was entitled to under the will of Richard Wright. They charge that soon after the death of Francis Wright, Presley Wright entered upon the whole of the said tract of land, and received the rents and profits thereof during his life, and that his heirs, and those claiming under them, have received the rents and profits since his death.

. . . . "

This record indicates that Francis Wright did not have a son Wright Wright and that the listing of Wright Wright in Francis Wright's will was a scrivener's error on the part of the drafter of the will or the clerk copying the will into the court record.

The 1827 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 30 acres.

On March 26, 1827, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/393, William Wright purchased from William M. Walker, Deputy Sheriff of Westmoreland County, 176 acres of land formerly owned by Richard Straughan:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day March 1827 Between William M Walker Dputy of Daniel Carmichael shff of Westmoreland County of the one part, and William Wright of the County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said William M Walker deputy as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty seven dollars to him in hand paid by the said Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge have granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto him the said Wright his heirs and assigns forever, all the right title and interest of Richard Straughan in and unto a certain tract or parcel of land wherein the said Straughan now resides which said tract formerly belonged to Presly Wright and supposed to contain 176 acres and now stands charged to P. P. C Straughan on the land Book with all and singular the appertenances thereunto belonging which said tract or parcell of land was given up by Richard Straughan in his schedule and conveyed to Daniel Carmichael shff of Westmoreland County on the 12th day of February 1827 which said land was advertised and sold at Westmoreland Court House on the 26th of March 1827 and the said William Wright became the purchaser for the said sum of Twenty seven dollars Now it is understood and intended that such right and title as is conveyed by the said Straughan to the

said Daniel Carmichael sheriff in the said tract or parcell of land with its appurtenances thereunto belonging, is conveyed to the said William Wright to him and his heirs forever - and no other right title or interest whatsoever in and unto the said land and its appurtenances thereunto belonging is intended to be conveyed except the title & interest which is vested in the said shff by virtue of the conveyance by the said Straughan to him the said Daniel Carmichael sheriff of Westmoreland County as aforesaid

In Witness whereof the said William M. Walker deputy of said Daniel Carmichael shff as aforesaid has hereunto set his hand and seal the date herein Written

William M. Walker DS:
of Daniel Carmichael S.W.C

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office 12th day of April 1827

This deed of Bargain and Sale from William M. Walker deputy sheriff for Daniel Carmichael sheriff of the County of Westmoreland to William Wright being this day presented in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said William M. Walker is admitted to Record

Teste,
Jno. Graham, C.W.C."

On November 2, 1827, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/505, William Wright sold to Benedict Walker 42 acres of land which was part of the 176 acres purchased by Westmoreland County Deed 25/393:

"This Indenture made the twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven Between William Wright of the one part and Benedict Walker of the other part both of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia Witnesseth that whereas the said William Wright hath purchased at public action all the right title interest and claim which Richard Straughan had to and in the tract of land Whereon he the said Straughan now lives for the sum of Twenty seven dollars and whereas about Forty two acres of said land lyeth on the South west side of the main road oposite to the gate leading from the road down to the house whereon the said R Straughan now lives Now this Indenture Witnesseth That the said Wm Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Seven dollars to him in hand paid by the said Benedict Walker the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by him the said Wm Wright and for himself and his heirs have Bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly Bargain sell and deliver unto him the said Benedict Walker and his heirs forever, all the aforesaid lot of land supposd to Contain about forty two acres binding on the main road oposite to the old gate leading down to said Straughans house and being one half of all the land lying one the south west side of the main road of which Presley Wright died seiz

In Testimony whereof I the said William Wright have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year last above mentioned

Witness present

Wm Wright

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office the 26th day of November 1827 - This Deed from William Wright to Benedict Walker being this day presented in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said William Wright is admitted to record

Teste

Jno Graham C.W.C."

The 1828 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 134 acres, reflecting the net acreage acquired by Westmoreland County Deeds 25/393 and 25/505.

On or before April 1, 1828, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, Court Records, File 299-7, Benedict Wright and William Wright filed their complaint in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District asserting a claim to certain lands and slaves due from to them from the estate of their grandfather Benjamin Middleton by way of their mother Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis. The full text of the complaint is set forth above in Section I.C.4.a regarding 1776 Francis Wright of Westmoreland County.

The 1829 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 134 acres.

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
William Wright	1	50-60	1	10-15

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	55-100	1	55-100				
1	36-55	3	36-55				
2	10-24	1	24-36				
1	0-10	1	10-24				
		2	0-10				

White Persons included in the foregoing					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens - Foreigners & Naturalized</u>
15					

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

<u>Deaf & Dumb under 14</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb 25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>

This record indicates that William Wright was born between about 1770 and 1780. The absence of an adult female in the household indicates that Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright had probably died before 1830.

The 1830 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 134 acres.

On March 28, 1831, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 27/470, William Wright sold to Mottrom Wright the land on which Jane Wroe lived:

"This Indenture, made and entered into this 28th day of March 1831, between William Wright of the County of Westmoreland parrish of Cople of the One part and Mottrom Wright of the County and parish aforesaid of the Other part Witnesseth that the said William Wright for & in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Mottrom Wright at and and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by him the said William Wright and he doth hereby acquit and discharge the said Mottrom Wright & his heirs forever of the same, and doth bargain and sell unto him the said Mottrom and his heirs forever all of his right title interest claim or demand in or to a certain tract or parcell of land Known to be the land where Jane Wroe lived and was Owned by her and of whome William Wright was one of the heirs at law and according the will of Benedict Middleton deceased, To Have and to Hold all and singular the aforesaid land and premises including houses &c &c and all and every part or parcell thereof free from the Claim or Claims of him the the said William Wright and his heirs forever, to which he the said William Wright doth warrant and defend the title unto him the said Mottrom and his heirs forever - In Testamoney whereoff he the said William doth hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written

Signed, seald delivered)
and acknowledged in)
presence of us)

William Wright

Virginia,

At a Court of quarterly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of August 1833, This deed from William Wright to Mottram Wright, was acknowledged in Open Court by the said William Wright and Ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt CWC

Recorded and examined the 3d day of September 1833,

Teste,
William Hutt CWC"

The 1831 and 1832 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 134 acres.

The Land Tax Lists indicate that Deed 27/470 was for 30 acres of land and thus was the same land as that purchased in 1812 by Westmoreland County Deed 22/280.

On February 4, 1833, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 27/353, William Wright sold to George Delano 8 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 4th day of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three Between William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia of the one part and George Delano of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William Wright for and in consideration of the sum of three dollars & thirty three cents per Acre have Bargained sold and Delivered and by these presents do fully and firmly bargain, sell and deliver unto him the said George Delano and his heirs forever A certain tract and parcel of land containing eight acres it being the tract of land whereon the said Delano now lives the Boundaries are as folllows Viz Beginning at a Red Oak Corner to the sd. tract side line to the heirs of Presley Cox running thence North 31° west to a White oak thence N 19° west to a walnut thence South 31½° west to a pine thence along the line of the Heirs of the said P. Cox to the first described Corner, which said tract & parcel of land I the said William Wright doth by these presents acknowledge to be fully satisfied and paid for the same, and for himself and his heirs do freely & fully convey the same tract of land together with all and every improvement & in any wise thereunto pertaining unto the said Delano & his heirs forever for the better performance thereof I the said Wright Doth hereby warrant a title in the premises, entirely free from claim or claims of my self & my heirs. In testimony whereof i have hereunto set my hand

& seal the day & year above written.

Wm. Wright

Signed Seald. and acknowledged)
in the presence of)

Westmoreland County Court Clerks Office the 25th day of March 1833

This deed from William Wright to George Delano was this day presented in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said William Wright to be his act and deed and admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.W.C.

Recorded ans Exd. this 6th day of April, 1833

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1833 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with two parcels of 380 and 34 acres, with the remark that two tracts had been combined and 100 acres had been deducted as overcharged.

The 1834 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with two parcels of 380 and 26 acres, reflecting the sale of 8 acres by Westmoreland County Deed 27/353.

The marriage bond of William Wright and Lucy Pursell was dated on November 11, 1834, in Richmond County, Virginia:

"Know all Men by these Presents - That we, William Wright and James L. Bell are held and firmly bound unto Littleton Waller Tazewell Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being, and to his successors in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Witness, our hands and seals, the 11th day of November 1834

The Condition of the above Obligation is such - That if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the said William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and Lucy Pursell of the County of Richmond then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Teste
George Saunders CRC

Wm. Wright
Jas. Bell"

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage of William Wright and Lucy Purssell on November 11, 1834, in Richmond County, Virginia:

"Name	William Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	11 Nov 1834
Marriage Place	Richmond, Virginia
Spouse	Lucy Purssell
FHL Film Number	33744
Reference ID	126"

The 1835 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 406 acres, reflecting the consolidation of the previously listed two parcels.

On November 21, 1835, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/22, William Wright and his wife Lucy Wright sold to Richard Sydnor 30 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 21st day of November, 1835, Between William Wright and Lucy his wife of the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia of the one part and Richard Sydnor of the County & State aforesaid of the other Witnesseth that the said William Wright & Lucy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of One hundred & fifty dollars lawfull money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Richard Sydnor the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained & sold and by these presents do bargain & Sell unto the said Richard Sydnor his heirs & assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land, Situate & lying in the County & State aforesaid, Beginning at a Dogwood corner to the said land and in the line of James C. Wright's heirs, Running from thence a Straight line to the end of an Old Ditch at or near the land allotted to Fanny Wright, running with the line of Fanny Wright to a corner in said Sydnors garden corner to John Wrights land and Said Land, From thence running a Straight line to the aforesaid Dogwood; Also another parcell or piece of land, Beginning at a Small pine tree standing on the end of the Old ditch running from thence to a white Oak, From thence a straight line to Black Walnut near a Mulberry Standing on the side of the Public road and a Corner tree to said William Wright, Benedict Walker and Samuel Jackson; From thence running up the road to Richard Sydnors gate, from thence running down the road leading to said Sydmor's house to, at, or near an Old persimmon Stump, Corner of Fanny Wrights land from thence running across the bottom of Fanny Wright's land to the said pine at the end of the said Old ditch both parcells inclusive supposed to contain about Thirty Acres more or less. To have and to hold the said parcell or parcells of land, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and advantages

therefrom arising unto the said Richard Sydnor and his heirs forever to and for the only use and behoof said Sydnor & his Heirs, and the said William Wright & Lucy his wife, do hereby agree to warrant and defend, against the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In Testimony whereof we the said William Wright & Lucy his wife have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals this 21st day of November, 1835.

Signed, Sealed and acknowl-) Wm Wright
edged in presence of) Lucy Wright
William Middleton
Benjn. S. Middleton
Bendt. Walker

Westmoreland County

We Benedict Walker & William Middleton Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Lucy Wright the wife of William Wright parties to the within deed bearing date the 25th day of November, 1835, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined before us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Lucy Wright acknowledged the same to be her act & Deed and declared she had willingly signed, sealed & delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under Our hands & Seals this 21st day of November, 1835.

Bendt Walker
William Middleton

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 28th day of December 1835.

This deed from William Wright and wife to Richard Sydnor, was this day presented in my Office, acknowledged before me by said Wm Wright and with the certificate of privy examination thereon endorsed, admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt C.W.C.

Recorded and Examined the 1st day of January 1836

Teste,
William Hutt CC."

The 1836 and 1837 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 376 acres, reflecting the sale of 30 acres of land by Westmoreland County Deed 29/22.

In April 1837 in the case of Wrights v. Oldham and Others, 8 Leigh 304, the court

entered the following order:

"Benedict Middleton, by his last will and testament, made in May 1782, and admitted to record in September 1785, after directing that all his just debts be duly paid by his executors, devised and bequeathed as follows:

'Item, I lend unto my dear wife, Hannah Middleton, during her natural life, the use of all my lands and one half of my negroes and personal estate.

Item, I give and bequeath the other half of my negroes and personal estate to be equally divided among my grandson Benedict Lamkin, and five daughters, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane Wroe, Hannah Middleton, Martha Middleton and Ann Middleton, to them and each of their heirs forever.

. . . .

and it is my will and desire, that my daughter Elizabeth Lewis may only have her life in what I have given her as above, that is, one sixth part of my whole estate, real and personal, and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my grandchildren that she had by her first husband Francis Wright deceased, and the child she now has or may have by George Lewis her present husband, to them and their heirs forever,

. . . .

Elizabeth Lewis died in 1793, in the life time of Hannah Middleton the widow, leaving issue three sons, Benedict Wright, William Wright and Johnson W. Wright, children of her first husband Francis Wright, and one daughter, Hannah Lewis, the child of her second husband George Lewis. Johnson W. Wright died in 1803, leaving issue a son, Benedict D. Wright, and a daughter Polly R. Wright, who afterwards intermarried with Samuel J. Boothe. Hannah Lewis the daughter of Elizabeth Lewis intermarried with Samuel Clark, and died in 1815, leaving issue two daughters, Judith and Betsy, the last named of whom afterwards intermarried with Marcellus Windsor.

. . . ."

This record identifies William Wright as a son of 1776 Francis Wright and Elizabeth (Middleton) (Wright) Lewis.

On January 17, 1838, at Richmond County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 24/297, William Wright and his wife Lucy Wright sold to Charles L. Bell their interest in the mill and attached land that formerly belonged to Charles Bell, deceased:

"This Indenture made and entered into by William Wright and Lucy his Wife of Westmoreland County of the one part, and Charles L Bell of Richmond County of the other part: whereas the said William Wright and Lucy his wife, do for, and in consideration of the sum of four hundred Dollars to the said William Wright and Lucy his wife, to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do bargain and sell and have by these presents bargained, sold and conveyed all the right title and interest they have to the mill formerly belonging to the estate of Charles Bell dec'd lying and being in Richmond

County, also all the land attached to the said mill be the same more or less, to the said Charles L. Bell and his heirs to have and to hold the said mill and land attached thereto free from any person or persons whatsoever claiming under the said William Wright and Lucy his wife do set their hands and affix their seals in the year of our Lord 1838, and on the 17th of January of the said year.

Signed Sealed and deli-)
vered in the presents of)
 Wm. Wright
 Lucy Wright

Westmoreland County to Wit,

We William Middleton and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Lucy Wright the wife of William Wright of the County aforesaid, parties to a certain deed bearing date the 17th day of January 1838 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, she the said Lucy Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly Signed Sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it

Given under our hands and seals this 3 day of May 1838.

Wm Middleton
Ben Walker

Endorsement

"30th May 1838 acknd. & with the certificate annexed admitted to record"

Clerk's Office of Richmond County Court
6th December 1838

This Deed of bargain and sale from William Wright and Lucy his wife to Charles L Bell, which appears from the endorsement on the back of the same, in the hand writing of Edward L Saunders, the then Deputy Clerk, to have been presented; acknowledged by the said Wright & with the certificate annexed, admitted to record is now recorded

Teste,
Jno F P Jeffries cl"

The 1838, 1839, and 1840 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 376 acres

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Persons</u>		<u>Free White Persons</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
William Wright	1	60-70	1	50-60
	1	5-10		

<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Free Colored Persons</u>		<u>Slaves</u>		<u>Slaves</u>	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	55-100			2	55-100	2	36-55
				1	36-55	2	24-36
				1	24-36	2	10-24
				1	10-24	1	0-10
				4	0-10		

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
20		6				

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>		
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb No.</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Blind</u>

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and In- sane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>		
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>
				<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

<u>Schools, &c.</u>		
<u>Acade-</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>No. of</u>

Univer- sities or College	Number of Students	mies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	Scholars at public charge
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No. of white persons over 20 years of age
in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that William Wright was born between about 1770 and 1780 and that Lucy (Pursell) Wright was born between about 1780 and 1790.

The 1841 and 1842 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 376 acres.

On November 24, 1842, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/248, William Wright sold to Pelham C. Delanoe 20 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 24th day of November In the Year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and Forty Two Between William Wright and Lucy his wife of the one part and Pelham C Delanoe of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Wright and Lucy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of Eighty dollars to them in hand paid by him the said Pelham C Delanoe the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowd by them the said William Wright and Lucy his wife and for themselves and for their heirs have this day Bargained Sold and delivered and by these presents doth fairly and firmly Bargain Sell and deliver unto him the said Pelham C. Delanoe and his heirs forever A certain Tract and parcel of land Situate Lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and Surrounded by the lands of Presley Cox Decd. Wm H. Benson and George C Delanoe Begining At A Pine tree near said Delanoes' dwelling house And runing with the line of Presley Coxes land to A large Chesnut tree from thence A North easterly course about seventy yards to A Small Red oak standing in A vally in the edge of the cleared land from thence Runing with Said Coxes line to A large Red oak at the end of A ditch from thence into the swamp thence up the swamp which divides this land from that of Wm H. Benson to A large chesnut tree standing on the hill in an Ivie point from thence with said Coxes line till it comes to the lands of George C. Delanoe previously Bought of said Wm Wright to the said begining Includeing as we suppose about Twenty Acres of land be the same more or less together with all improvements thereon unto him the said Pelham C. Delanoe and his heirs forever And the said William Wright Ad Lucy his wife doth hereby covenant And agree that they will Warrant and defend A free and uninterrupted title in the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said Pleham C. Delanoe and his heirs forever free from the claim or claims of themselves their heirs and of all other persons Whatsoever In Witness Whereof We and each of us have hereunto set our hands and seals this 24th

day of November 1842.

Wm Wright
Lucy Wright

Westmoreland County Va.

We William Middleton and Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Lucy Wright the wife of William Wright parties to the with deed Bearing date on the 24 day of November 1842 personally appeared Before us in our county aforesaid And being examined by us privily And Apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the Said Lucy acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed seald and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it, Given under our hands and Seals this 24 day of November 1842.

Wm Middleton
Bendt Walker

Westmoreland County & Sct

We William Middleton And Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that William Wright and Lucy his wife parties to the within deed bearing date on the 24 day of November 1842 personally Appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the county court of Westmoreland in order that the Said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 24 day of November 1842

Wm Middleton
Bendt. Walker

Virginia:

Clerk's office of Westmoreland County court the 28th day of November 1842 - This deed from William Wright and Lucy his wife to Pelham C Delanoe, was this day presented in my office and with the certificates of acknowledgement and privy examination annexed thereto, admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

The 1843 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 356 acres, reflecting the sale of 20 acres of land by Westmoreland County Deed 31/248.

On July 28, 1843, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/372, William Wright acted as trustee of a trust executed by Mary P. Wright and Porter Robinson to hold the personal property of Mary P. Wright before and after her marriage to Porter Robinson:

"This Indenture Tripartite made the 28th day of July in the year 1843 Between Porter Robinson of the first part Mary P. Wright of the second part And William Wright of the third party Whereas A marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized by the permission of god by and between the said Porter Robinson And the Said Mary P. Wright And whereas the said Mary P Wright is possessed of personal estate consisting of the following property To Wit Negro Slaves George, Eliza, Luazer, Finny, John Matilda, Wilmoth, Caroline And Ellen And two Beds, Bedsteads and furniture and Beauroe one large Trunk, one dozen silver Table spoones one large Bellmettle Kettle And whereas it hath been agreed that the said Porter Robinson should after the intended marriage had Receive and enjoy during the Joint lives of them the said Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright the Interest and occupation of the said personal estate And Also that the same Together with any estate either Real or personal which the said Mary P. Wright may Receive or inherit from any of her Relations And the interest and profits thereof from and after the decease of such of them the said Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright as should first happen to die should be at the sole and only disposal of the said Mary P Wright notwithstanding her coverture And Whereas it hath been also agreed that in case the said Mary P. Wright should after the said intended Marriage had hapen to survive the said Porter Robinson that she should not have or claim any part of the Real or personal estate whereof the said Porter Robinson should be Seized or possessd. or entitled to during the coverture between them By Virtue of her dower or title of dower at common law Now this indenture Witnesseth that in persuance of the before Recited agreement And in consideration of the sum of One dollar of lawful money of this commonwealth to the said Mary P. Wright in hand by the said William Wright At and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged she the said Mary P. Wright by and with the privy consent and agreement of the said Porter Robinson Testified by his being made A partie to, And his sealing and delivery of these presents Hath Granted Bargained Sold assigned transfered and set over and by these presents doth grant Bargain Sell Assign transfer and set over unto the said William Wright His Exors admors or assigns All the said Negro slaves and their future increase To Wit George, Elija Luizer Fanny, John, Matilda Wellmouth, Caroline And Ellen also two Beds, Bedsteads & furniture one Beauroe one large Trunk one dozen silver table spoones and one large Bellmettle Kettle To have and to hold the said property hereby conveyed unto the said William Wright his Exors Admors and Assigns upon such Trust, Nevertheless and to and for such interests and purposes and

under such provisos and agreements as are herein after mentiond That is to say in Trust for the said Mary P. Wright and her assigns until the solemnisation of the said intended Marriage then upon Trust that he the said William Wright his Exors, Admors or assigns shall And do permit the said Porter Robonsin And Mary his intended wife To have receive take and enjoy All the interest and profits of the said property hereby assignd. to and for his own use and Benefit And after the decease of Such of them the Said Porter Robinson and Mary P. Wright as Shall first happen to die then upon Trust that he the said William Wright his Exors admors or assigns shall and do assign over transfer and pay the said property to the said Mary in case she survive the said Porter Robinson But if she die before him, Then unto Such person or persons and at the time and times and in Such parts and proportions manner and form as she the said Mary P. Wright shall from time to time notwithstanding her coverture, By any Writing or writings under her hand and Seal attested by three or more credible Witnesses or by her last will or Testament to be by her Signed Sealed and published and declared in the presents of three Witnesses direct limit or appoint to the interest that the same may not be at the disposal of or subject to the controul of the debts forfeitures or engagements of the Said Porter Robinson her intended husband And in default of such direction limitation or appointment then to Such persons as would inherit under the law in case the said Mary P. Wright were never to get married, In Testimony we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and Seals this the aforesaid 28th day of July 1843. The seals signatures and attestation all carried forward

Signed sealed & Acknowl-)	Porter Robinson
edged in the presents of)	Mary P Wright
each of us)	Wm Wright
Benedict Walker	
as to Wm Wright	

Westmoreland County Va.

We William Middleton & Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County Aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright parties to the foregoing Marriage contract bearing date on this 28th day of July 1843 personally appeared Before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the aforesaid contract to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in order that the said Contract may be recorded. Given under our hands and Seals this 29th day of July 1843.

Wm. Middleton
Benedict Walker

Virginia,

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 29th day of July 1843.

This agreement between Porter Robinson of the first part, Mary P. Wright of the Second part, and William Wright of the third part, was this day presented in my office, and with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed thereto admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The 1844 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 356 acres.

On September 21, 1844, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/547, William Wright and his wife Lucy Wright sold to Benedict Walker 1 acre of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 21" day of September 1844, Between William Wright and Lucy his wife of the county of Westmoreland & State of Virginia of one part and Benedict Walker of the county and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the Said William Wright and Lucy his wife for and in consideration of the Sum of Ten dollars cash to them in hand paid Before the ensealing and delivery of these presents (The Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) Have Bargained Sold and delivered and by these presents do fairly and firmly Bargain Sell and deliver unto him the said Benedict Walker One acre of land situate immediately in the corner of said Wrights land at Oldhams Cross Roads and running with each Road from the Locus tree at the corner and thence into the feild so as to make one square acre of land as near as the said Roads will permit And for the more faithful performance of this Bargain and Sale We the said William Wright and Lucy his wife do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Benedict Walker that we will warrant A clare and fair title in and to the said one acre of land unto him the said Walker and his heirs forever In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 21" day of September 1844.

Wm Wright
Lucy Wright

Westmoreland County To Wit

We Joseph Wheelwright & Robt H Chowning Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Lucy Wright the wife of William Wright parties to the foregoing deed personally appeared Before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Lucy Wright acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and declared that she had willingly signd sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals this 21" of September 1844.

Jos. Wheelwright

Ro. H. Chowning

Westmoreland County To Wit

We Joseph Wheelwright & Robt. H Chowning Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that William Wright and Lucy his wife parties to the within deed bearing date on the __ day of September 1844 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in order that the said deed may be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 21" day of September 1844

Jos. Wheelwright
Ro. H Chowning

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 28th day of October 1844.
This deed from William Wright and Lucy his wife to Benedict Walker, was this day presented in my Office, and with the Certificates of Acknowledgment and privy examination thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,
William Hutt C.C.

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

The 1845 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with one parcel of 355 acres, reflecting the sale of 1 acre to Benedict Walker by Westmoreland County Deed 31/457.

The will of William Wright was dated on April 12, 1845, probated on October 27, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/106, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen, I William Wright of Westmoreland County Virginia being aged and infirm - but of Sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me

Firstly I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible after my decease by my executor hereinafter named.

Secondly. I give and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of every

Species and Kind to my three daughters Hannah Walker Jane Bell, and Mary Robinson to be equally divided between them - but that part which may fall to my daughter Jane Bell I do hereby give in trust to my executor in his hands to remain for the benefit of my said daughter Jane and her children - hereby authorising him my executor and trustee hereinafter named to rent, hire, sell, and convey as he may think most proper and best for her benefit, all or any part of her property either real or personal estate and so to manage the same as he may think best for her advantage

Thirdly I give no part of my estate to my grandchildren Mary C Powell and Olivia J Wright having given to their Father in his lifetime more than his full proportion of my whole estate - And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Benedict Walker Executor to this my last will and also Trustee for my daughter Jane Bell -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1845.

Wm Wright

Signed, Sealed, and acknow-)
edged in the presence of us)

Robt: H. P. Crabb
John S. Middleton

Virginia.

At a Court of Monthly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of October 1845

This last will and testament of William Wright decd was presented in Court proved by the oaths of Robert H. P. Crabb & John S. Middleton, the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded - And on the motion of Benedict Walker the exor named in the said will, who with Solomon S Hutt and John T Rice his securities executed bond in the penalty of \$10,000, conditioned &c certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat of said will in due form.

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
William R Sisson DC"

This record identifies the family of William Wright as follows:

Wife: Lucy Wright

Children: 1) Hannah (Wright) Walker,

- 2) Jane (Wright) Bell,
 - 3) Mary (Wright) Robinson, and
 - 4) _____ Wright, a son, and
- Grandchildren:
- 1) Mary C. (Wright) Powell, and
 - 2) Olivia J. Wright.

On December 10, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/381, the commissioners of the county court filed their division and allotment of the land of William Wright:

"We the undersigned commissioners, appointed under an order of the county court of Westmoreland dated on the ____ day of _____ 1845 to assign the dower out of the real estate of William Wright deceased to his widow & to divide the residue among the devisees under the last will & testament of the said William Wright, on this 10th day of December 1845, made the following division & distribution of the real estate Lot No: 1 Beginning at the gate, on the main road, thence along the road to the House yard gate, thence along the fence of the lot to George Delano's line, thence along the line fence to the main road, thence along the main road to the gate the beginning, also the dwelling House & Out houses in the yard, with a back yard to the Kitchen extending from the upper corner of the Kitchen, to a stake between the Second & third rows of apple trees, thence to the fourth of a cluster of Aspen trees. Also a detached wood lot containing say 10 acres, adjoining the lands of George Delano & Thomas Brown. Lot No: 2, Known as Davis's containing say 180 acres, drawn by Hannah Walker formerly Hannah Wright, who intermarried with Benedict Walker. Lot No: 3, Cross Roads Lot, containing say 60 acres, drawn by Benedict Walker, Trustee under the will of for Jane Bell formerly Jane Wright, who intermarried with Charles Ludwell Bell Lot No: 4, The balance of the House fields adjoining the dower lands, containing say 40 acres & having on it the Barn & two corn Houses, drawn by Mary P. Robinson formerly Mary P. Wright, who intermarried with Porter Robinson all which the respectfully submit. Witness our hands this 10th day of December 1845.

Jos. Wheelwright)	
Geo. Delano	)	Commissioners
L. A. L. Lamkin)	

Virginia:

At a court of monthly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland county on Monday the 23rd. day of Septmr. 1850.

This report of the division of the real estate of William Wright decd; made by the commissioners appointed for the purpose was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, William Hutt CWC

Recorded and Examined

Teste, William Hutt CWC"

This record identifies the surviving children of William Wright as follows:

- 1) Hannah (Wright) Walker, the wife of Benedict Walker,
- 2) Jane (Wright) Bell, the wife of Charles Ludwell Bell, and
- 3) Mary P. (Wright) Robinson, the wife of Porter Robinson.

The 1846 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the estate of William Wright with one parcel of 355 acres.

On August 21, 1846, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/221, Lucy Wright, the widow of William Wright, renounced the provisions for her benefit under the will of William Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that I Lucy Wright relict and widow of William Wright decd late of the County of Westmoreland & State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I will not take or accept the provision made for me by the will of my said husband now on record in the County court of Westmoreland or any part thereof, and that I hereby renounce all benefits which I might claim by the same will in any manner or form. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 21st day of Aug. 1846.

Signed and acknowledged) Lucy Wright
in the presence of us)
Rich. L. L. Beale
Richd. Sydnor

Virginia:

At a Court of quarterly Sessions begun & held for Westmoreland County on monday the 24th day of August, 1846

The foregoing renunciation of Lucy Wright, widow & relict of William Wright decd. of the provisions made for her in the will of her said husband was returned to court proved by the oaths of Richd. L. L. Beale & Richd Sydnor the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded & Examined

Teste
William R Sisson DC"

On January 24, 1848, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 20/331, an inventory and appraisement and account of sales was filed showing 15 slaves valued at \$2,450 and a total of \$855.29 in sales or personal property.

On January 24, 1848, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 20/360, Benjamin Walker filed an accounting for the estate of William Wright for the period from October 27, 1845, through January 1, 1848.

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Lucy Wright with the following household on August 19, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Lucy Wright	57	F			500
<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>	

Va

This record indicates that Lucy (Pursell) Wright was born in about 1793.

On November 20, 1855, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 35/287, Lucy Wright, the widow of William Wright, sold to William H. Reynolds the land assigned to her as her dower interest from the estate of William Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into the Twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord 1855, Between Lucy Wright of the first part and William H. Reynolds of the second part, Witnesseth that I Lucy Wright in consideration of the sum of Two hundred Dollars to her in hand payd or secured to be paid by the said William H. Reynolds the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said William H. Reynolds his heirs or assigns a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in Westmoreland County, and known by the name of Locust Hall, which was assigned to her, the sd. Lucy Wright by the commissioners of the county court of Westmoreland as being her thirds of the real estate of William Wright decd. together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the said land in any wise appertaining and belonging, To have and to hold the said land free from the claims of me the sd. Lucy Wright and all and every person or persons whatsoever, that is to say during my life. In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Westmoreland County to wit:

We Henry Beale and Wat. H. Tyler Justices of the peace in the aforesaid county do hereby certify that Lucy Wright a party to a certain deed and hereunto annexed bearing date the twentieth day of Novr. 1855, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland, in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this the 20th day of November 1855.

Henry Beale J.P.
Wat H. Tyler J.P.

Virginia:

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court February the 25th 1856.

This deed of bargain and sale from Lucy Wright to William H. Reynolds conveying real estate was this day received in my office and with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
J. Warren Hutt C.C"

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding William Wright:

"William W. Wright (1774-1845)

According the 1924 notes, William W. (Wright) was born on August 18, 1774. He was one of the sons of Francis (2). He was reasonably prominent and was appointed a militia captain during the War of 1812.⁶⁹⁴

William died in 1845 leaving his land to his daughters: Hannah Walker, Jane Bell and Mary Robins/Robinson.⁶⁹⁷ During his life he sold 101 acres of land, including the 42 acres, that are more or less identifiable as being in the old Johnson tract.⁶⁹⁸ The 1850 Land Book lists the Estate of William Wright with 355 acres. Together these add up to the original 450 acres. The 1862 Land Book lists the William Wright Estate with the 355 acres but notes that it was transferred out of the estate that year. The hiatus in settling this was probably

due to the fact that William's widow, Lucy, renounced his will and took her common law dower share.⁶⁹⁹ When she died is not known. She appears to have been his third wife."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of William Wright and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright were the following:

- 1) William Wright, Jr., born between about 1804 and 1810,
- 2) James C. Wright, born between about 1800 and 1810,
- 3) Hannah (Wright) Walker, born in about 1803 or on April 4, 1804, or in about 1808 in Virginia,
- 4) Jane (Wright) Bell, born in about 1810 in Virginia, and
- 5) Mary P. (Wright) Robinson, born in about 1816 in Virginia.

(I) 1823 William Wright, Jr. Of Westmoreland
County

1823 William Wright, Jr., of Westmoreland
County was a son of 1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1845 William⁶)

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with two males in his household, one age 10 to 16 and one age 0 to 10. The first male listed would be William Wright, Jr., indicating a date of birth between 1804 and 1810.

The 1821 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 200 acres of land.

The 1822 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with three parcels of 250, 100, and 30 acres of land and the 200 acre parcel was now listed as owned by William Wright, Jr.

The 1823 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with four parcels of 250, 100, 30, and 200 acres of land and the 200 acre parcel was listed as changed from William Wright, Jr.

These last three records indicate that William Wright, Jr., was a son of 1845 William Wright, took possession of the 200 acre parcel of land in 1822 without a deed conveying title being recorded, and had died by 1823 when possession reverted to his father 1845 William Wright..

On January 1, 1827, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/369, James C. Wright and his wife Catharine Wright sold to John Campbell the 200 acres of land acquired by Westmoreland County Deed 25/21 and recited the prior change of title of the 200 acre parcel from William Wright, Jr., to William Wright, Sr., and then to James C. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this first day of January One thousand eight hundred & twenty seven Between James C. Wright & Catharine his wife of the county of Northumberland of the one part & John Campbell of the county of Westmoreland of the other part - Witnesseth that the said James C Wright & Catharine his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to the said James C Wright in hand paid by the said John Campbell at & before the sealing & delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James C. Wright they the said James C & Catharine his wife have granted bargained & sold & by these present do grant bargain & sell unto the said John Campbell his heirs & assigns forever all that tract piece or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Westmoreland containing two hundred acres be the same more or less which was settled by George Garner on on his Wife & by his wife devised to William Wright on whose death it passed to William Wright Sr by inheritance from his son William Wright jr who died under age & which said land hath been conveyed in fee simple to the aforesd James C. Wright by his father William Wright Sr.
...."

(II) 1832 James C. Wright Of Northumberland
County, His Wife Catharine J. (Claughton)
Wright, And His Descendants

1832 James C. Wright of Northumberland County was a son of 1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1845 William⁶)

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with two males in his household, one age 10 to 16 and one age 0 to 10. The first male listed would be William Wright, Jr., indicating a date of birth between 1804 and 1810, and the second son listed would be James C. Wright, indicating a date of birth between 1810 and 1820.

The marriage bond of James C. Wright and Catharine J. Claughton was dated on October 14, 1822, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

""Know all Men by these Presents - That we James C. Wright and William Routt

are held and firmly bound unto Th. M. Randolph Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents:
Sealed with our seals and dated this 14th day of October 1822

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James C. Wright bachelor and Catharine J. Claughton spinster then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Executed in presence of Jas. C. Wright
Wm Routt"

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage record of James C. Wright and Catharine I. Claughton on October 14, 1822, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Name	James C. Wright
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	14 Oct 1822
Marriage Place	Northumberland Co., Virginia
Spouse	Catharine I. Claughton
FHL Film Number	32712
Reference ID	p 112"

On September 26, 1823, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/21,
William Wright gifted to James C. Wright 200 acres of land:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 26th day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty three between William Wright of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia of the one part and James C. Wright of the County and state aforesaid of the other part - Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to to him in hand paid by the said James C. Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the sd William Wright doth give grant bargain and sell and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said James C. Wright a Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Westmoreland and known to be the land formerly belonging to George Garner decd., and which said land was given in trust to his wife Ann Garner and was devised to the said William Wright by the said Ann Garner And is bounded by the lands of John Murphy George B. Cary John Campbell and Williboughby Newton And contains Two hundred acres be the same more or less together with all houses out houses gardens orchards fences wood under woods waters & water courses & appertenances thereunto or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid land and premises to him the said James C. Wright his Heirs Exors admors and

assigns forever. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above Written

Signed sealed and acknowl-) Wm. Wright
edged in presents of)
Peter C. Cloughton
James English

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 23rd day of February 1824 - The foregoing Deed for real estate being produced in open court & acknowledged by William Wright was ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Jno. Graham C.W.C."

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed James C. Wright as surety on the marriage bond of Hannah Wright and Benedict Walker dated January 19, 1825, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Walker, Benedict & Hannah Wright 19 Jan. 1825, James C. Wright sec."

On November 26, 1825, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/251A, William Rout appointed James C. Wright of Westmoreland County his attorney in fact:

"Know all men by these presents that I, William Rout of Northumberland County Virginia have made ordained constituted and appointed and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint James C. Wright of Westmoreland County in the State aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name but to my use to ask demand sue for recover and receive all such sums of Money as may be now due me or which may become due to me during my absence from the state aforesaid and for me and in my name to give discharges and acquitances for the same And further to do and execute all and every other Lawful act needful for recovering, receiveing and collecting the said Debts now due or hereafter to become due, but to my use as aforesaid as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if I were personally present and further to act as my general agent in the Settlement of any business which I have have unfinished upon my departure from the state aforesaid hereby ratifying and confirming all acts which my said attorney may do or cause to be done in the premises by Virtue of these presents. In Testimony whereof I have herewith affixed my hand and seal this 26th day of November in the year of our Lord 1825.

Wm Routt

At a court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of February 1826

The foregoing Letter of attorney from William Routt to James C. Wright being this day presented in Open Court and the hand Writing of William Routt being proved to the satisfaction of the Court the same is Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
Jno. Graham CWC"

On January 1, 1827, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 25/369,
James C. Wright and his wife Catharine Wright of Northumberland County sold to John Campbell the 200 acres of land acquired by Westmoreland County Deed 25/21:

"This Indenture made and entered into this first day of January One thousand eight hundred & twenty seven Between James C. Wright & Catharine his wife of the county of Northumberland of the one part & John Campbell of the county of Westmoreland of the other part - Witnesseth that the said James C Wright & Catharine his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to the said James C Wright in hand paid by the said John Campbell at & before the sealing & delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said James C. Wright they the said James C & Catharine his wife have granted bargained & sold & by these present do grant bargain & sell unto the said John Campbell his heirs & assigns forever all that tract piece or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Westmoreland containing two hundred acres be the same more or less which was settled by George Garner on on his Wife & by his wife devised to William Wright on whose death it passed to William Wright Sr by inheritance from his son William Wright jr who died under age & which said land hath been conveyed in fee simple to the aforesd James C. Wright by his father William Wright Sr. To Have and to Hold the foresaid land with its appertences unto the said John Campbell his heirs and assigns forever and the said James C. Wright for himself his heirs executors and admors doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Campbell his heirs and assigns as followers to wit that he the said John Campbell and his assigns shall from time to time and at all times quietly & peaceably have hold possess occupy and enjoy the aforesd land and appertences free from the let hinderance disturbance or molestation of the said James C Wright & Catharine his wife their or either of their heirs and of every other person whatsoever and moreover he the said James C Wright will from time to time and at all times warrant and defend the title of the aforesaid land and appertences unto the said John Campbell his heirs and assigns free from the claim of all persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the said James C Wright & Catharine his wife have hereunto set their hands and affix the seals the day and year first above Written

James C Wright
Catharine Wright

signed sealed & acknowl-)
edged in presence of us)
Jno Murphy as to James C Wright

Eliza M. Campbell
Fleet Cox

Northumberland County to wit,

We Baldwin M. Leland and John Middleton Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Catharine the wife of James C Wright parties to a certain Deed bearing date on the 1st day of January 1827 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Catharine Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and Deed and declared that she had Willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it - Given under our hands and seals this 20th day of February 1827

B M Leland
Jno. Middleton

At a court held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of February 1827

This deed of Bargain & sale from James C Wright & Catharine Wright his wife to John Campbell being this day presented in Open court and acknowledged by the said James C Wright is together with the certificate of the privy examination of Catharine Wright Ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Jno: Graham C.W.C."

This record indicates that James C. Wright had moved to Northumberland County, Virginia, by January 1, 1827.

The 1830 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James C. Wright with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Jas. C. Wright	1	30-40	1	20-30
	1	20-30	1	5-10
	1	0-5	1	0-5

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
7	24-36	3	55-100				
8	10-24	2	36-55				
6	0-10	3	10-24				
		1	0-10				

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
36					

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>
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This record indicates that James C. Wright and Catharine J. (Claughton) Wright were born between 1800 and 1810.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James C. Wright with 18 slaves, 6 horses, and 1 carryall valued at \$100.

On January 6, 1832, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 27/177, James C. Wright and Benedict Walker, as Commissioners, conveyed to James C. Courtney and Malichy Courtney 75 acres of land in Westmoreland County.

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed James C. Wright with 16 slaves, 7 horses, and 1 gig and 1 carryall valued at \$225.

On May 17, 1832, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 27/461, James C. Wright acquired from Juliet T. Arnest 150 acres of land in Westmoreland County which had been purchased from Juliet's deceased husband John Arnest:

"This Indenture made and entered into on the seventeenth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, between Juliet T. Arnest, of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia, of the one part, and

James C. Wright, of the County of Northumberland and State aforesaid, of the other part, whereas the late John Arnest, doctor of physic, in his life time, entered into a contract with the said James C. Wright for the purchase by him the said James C. Wright, and the sale from the said John Arnest to him the said James C. Wright, of the tract or parcel of land hereinafter mentioned, of which contract there was a part execution by the said James C Wright before the decease of the said John Arnest, and whereas the said John Arnest, by his last will and testament, dated the eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, executed on the seventh day of April in the same year, and now of record among the records of Westmoreland County Court, did direct that a good and sufficient deed should be made to the said Wright, and executed by her the said Juliet S Arnest, for the land in the said will, and also in this deed mentioned, as soon as certain provisions of the said will in relation to the subject should be complied with, and whereas she the said Juliet S Arnest is, and hereby expresses herself to be, satisfied that those provisions have been answered, according to the true intent and meaning thereof: Now therefore this indenture witnesseth, that the said Juliet S. Arnest hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto him the said James C. Wright, and to his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land, lying in the County of Westmoreland aforesaid, containing one hundred and fifty acres, (more or less) which tract was sold by the said John Arnest, in his life time, and conveyed by him and his wife, the said Juliet, to Richard Straughan, and was afterwards, by a decree of the Superior Court of Chancery for the district of Fredericksburg, bearing date the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, recovered by the said John Arnest against him the said Richard Straughan, (as will appear by reference to the said decree,) together with the appurtenances to the said tract belonging or in any wise appurtenant. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land and its appurtenances unto him the said James C. Wright, his heirs and assigns forever. An the said Juliet S. Arnest for herself and her heirs doth hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said James C. Wright his heirs and assigns that she the said Juliet S Arnest and her heirs the aforesaid land and premises unto him the said James C Wright, his heirs, and assigns, against her the said Juliet S. Arnest, and her heirs, and against all & every person or persons claiming by, from, or under her, them, or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend, by these presents. In Witness whereof, she the said Juliet S. Arnest doth hereunto set her hand and affix her seal on the day and in the year above first Written

Signed, Sealed, & delivered, in presence of) Juliet S. Arnest
 Bendt Walker)
 Wm. Wright
 James W. English

Received, this 17 day of May, 1832, of James C. Wright the sum of ____ in full for the balance of the purchase money due on this day for the land in the above

indenture mentioned As Witness my hand and Seal

Bendt Walker
Wm. Wright
James W. English

Juliet S. Arnest

Received, Feb. 27, 1832, of Mr. James C. Wright five dollars, as my fee for writing this deed

W. Y. Sturman

Virginia

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 26th day of August 1833

The within deed from Juliet S. Arnest to James C. Wright was presented in Court proved by the oaths of all the subscribing witnesses thereto, and together with the receipt thereon endorsed admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt CWC

Recorded and Examined this 3d day of September, 1833

Teste,
William Hutt CWC"

The will of James C. Wright was dated on February 25, 1832, probated on August 13, 1832, at Northumberland County, Virginia, W.B. 27/169, and provided as follows:

"In obedience to my Creator and a thankfullness for what I have been permitted to obtain of this worlds goods, and knowing the uncertanty of life I make this will for the benefit of my wife & family and the instruction of those who may have the management of my affairs after my decease - I desire that a sale shall take place of all of my stock & all other articles, except land and negroes and such as are actually necessary to be purchased in for my wife or at least such as she may want and if the amount with what I may have oweing to me at my decease is not sufficient to pay my Just debts, I wish my executors to sell so soon as they ascertain that fact Miram & her Children or such others as my wife may think proper or best to sell and all of my Just debts paid as soon as practicable so soon as that is done, I wish my wife to select Eight Servants of her choice to remin with her on the farm in Westmoreland or Northumberland which ever she may think proper to live on, and to be under her management and controle. The other farm to be rented or leased to some Judicious good man who will take care of it, and the balance of the slave to be hired out annually the rents and hires of

which is to be for the benefit of educating my Children, my wife to have the controll and management untill they arrive at age unless shee should get married in that event she is only to have one Eighth of my estate, and the balance if any to be equally divided amongst my Four Children, if my wife should not marry untill any of my children should arrive at age, or marry such child or Children, is to receive one sixth part of the slaves whenever they may think proper - In the event of the death of my wife without marrying my son Jos. living to the age of Twenty years he is to have the Farm in Northumberland in Cherry point, and one 7th of the slaves, and a eaqual division to take place between my daughters of all the balance of my estate real and personal, and in the event of either of my Children dying without Lawfull issue at any time after him or her may receive their proportions of my estate, I only mean to loan him her or them what I have before mentioned and that part which may have receivd to go to the survivors of of my Children. Given under my hand and seal as my last Will & Testament

Signed by me this James C Wright
25th Feby: 1832

N.B. I constitute and appoint Benedict Walker, Thos. S Sydnor and William Bysie or either of them to act as my executors and as agents for my Wife and Children

James C Wright

This is a rough Draft of my Will if it should be without alteration at my decease, I presume the substance can be understood, and I desire my executors or some friend to my wife to have it Coppyed & put in proper form by some Attorney so the substance is not changed before it committed to record. I have omitted one thing in the Will I wish no division so long as my wife lives or dont marry, each child only to receive one sixth of the slaves and so on untill her decd as they arrive at age or marry without she thinks proper to do more for them

James C Wright

At a court held for Northumberland County at the Court house on Monday the 13th of Augt: 1832. This last will & Testament of James C Wright decd was offered for proof and there being no subscribing witness thereto, Griffin H Foushee & B M Leland being sworn declared that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of said Wright whereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded - B Walker, Tho: S Sydnor & Wm Basye the exors therein named relinquished their right of executorship, and on the motion of Benedict Walker a certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of administration with the sd with the will annexed of the estate of the decedent, he having taken the oath of an administrator with the sd will annexed and together with Robert Bailey & Wm Wright his securities entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Seventeen Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs

Truly Recorded

Teste
M. B. Cralle C.C.

teste"

This record indicates that James C. Wright died between February 25 and August 13, 1832, and in conjunction with Westmoreland County Deed 27/461, between May 17, 1832, and August 13, 1832..

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Northumberland County, Virginia, did not list James C. Wright.

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list James C. Wright, but did list Catherine Wright with 11 slaves, 2 horses, and 1 gigg valued at \$140.

An inventory and appraisement and list of sales of the estate of Catharine Wright dated January 7, 1834, was filed on June 26, 1843, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 19/302, and listed a total sale of assets of \$826.70. This record indicates that Catharine J. (Claughton) Wright had died before January 7, 1834, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the James C. Wright estate with 150 acres of land adjacent to William Wright. This record reflects the purchase of 150 acres by Westmoreland County Deed 27/461 set forth above.

The 1836 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the James C. Wright estate with 150 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On October 24, 1836, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, R.&I.B. 17/227 & 231 & 233, Benedict Walker filed his accountings for the guardianships of Mary C. Wright and Olivia J. Wright commencing on September 1, 1834, and for Joseph Wright commencing on April 1, 1834. These accountings identify the children of James C. Wright as follows:

- 1) Mary C. Wright,
- 2) Olivia J. Wright, and
- 3) Joseph Wright.

The 1837 through 1842 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the James C. Wright estate with 150 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

On January 1, 1843, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/342, John N. Powell filed a refunding bond for the benefit of Benedict Walker, administrator of the estate of James C. Wright, for the interest of his wife Mary C. (Wright) Powell distributed to her from the estate of James C. Wright:

"Know all men by these presents that we John H. Powell Solomon S. Hutt and Thomas Brown are held and firmly bound unto Benedict Walker admor of James C Wright Decd. in the just and full Sum of Eighteen hundred and eighty six dollars and Seven cents lawful money of Virginia to be paid unto him the said B. Walker his heirs Exors. admors. or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made We Bind Ourselves and each of us our heirs Exors. admors and assigns Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this first day of January 1843

The condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas the above named B. Walker admor hath delivered up to Dr. John N Powell who has married the aforesaid Mary C. Wright the amount due to said M. C. Wright as will appear by reference to two Settlements made by Master Comr Hutt first on the 20 Sepr 1841 and the Second on the 12 Octr 1842 Which Sums with interest therein amounts to \$1886.07 as above stated Now it is understood and firmly agreed upon that if the above Bound John N Powell Solomon S. Hutt and Thomas Brown or either of them their heirs Exors or admors Shall well and truly pay off and discharge his the Said Powells proportion of all debts dues and demands and all costs attending Suites which shall or may arise or in any way come against the said admor or against the estate of the said James C Wright Decd. Then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

J. N. Powell
S. S. Hutt
Thos Brown

Sealed & delivered in presents of
J. F. Harvey

Virginia:

At a Court of quarterly Sessions begun and held for Westmoreland County the 22d day of May 1843.

This Refunding bond from John N. Powell Solomon S. Hutt and Thomas Brown to Benedict Walker admor of James C Wright decd. was presented in court proved by the oath of Joseph F. Harvey, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
William Hutt CC

Recorded and Examined

Teste,
William Hutt CC"

The 1843 through 1845 Land Tax Lists for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed the James C. Wright estate with 150 acres of land adjacent to William Wright.

The will of William Wright dated on April 12, 1845, and probated on October 27, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/106, listed ____ Wright as his son:

". . . . I William Wright of Westmoreland County Virginia do make and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last will and testament

. . . .

Thirdly I give no part of my estate to my grandchildren Mary C Powell and Olivia J Wright having given to their Father in his lifetime more than his full proportion of my whole estate -

. . . .

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1845.

Wm Wright

. . . ."

This record identifies the children of James C. Wright and Catherine J. (Claughton) Wright as:

- 1) Mary C. (Wright) Powell, and
- 2) Olivia J. Wright.

The absence of Joseph Wright from this record indicates that he had died prior to April 12, 1845.

The 1846 Land Tax List for Westmoreland County, Virginia, did not list the James C. Wright estate.

(III) Hannah (Wright) Walker, Her Husband
Benedict Walker, And Her Descendants

Hannah (Wright) Walker was a daughter of 1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1845 William⁶)

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Hannah Wright and Benedict

Walker on January 19, 1825, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, with James C. Wright as surety:

"Walker, Benedict & Hannah Wright 19 Jan. 1825, James C. Wright sec."

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, available from Ancestry.com, listed the marriage record of Hannah Wright and Benedict Walker dated on January 19, 1825, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Name	Hannah Wright
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	19 Jan 1825
Marriage Place	Westmoreland County, Virginia
Spouse	Benedict Walker
FHL Film Number	34336
Reference ID	p73"

The 1830 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Walker with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Benedictt Walker	1	40-50	1	20-30
	3	0-5	2	15-20

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	55-100	1	36-55				
8	10-24	1	24-36				
6	0-10	2	10-24				
		2	0-10				

	<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>				
	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
<u>Total</u>					

28

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing
Deaf & Deaf & Deaf &

<u>Dumb under 14</u>	<u>Dumb 14 to 25</u>	<u>Dumb 25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>
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This record indicates that Benedict Walker was born between about 1780 and 1790.

The 1840 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Walker with the following household:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Persons Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Persons Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Benedict Walker	2	50-60	1	30-40
	1	20-30	1	20-30
	5	10-15	5	10-15
	1	5-10	2	5-10
	1	0-5		

<u>Free Colored Persons Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Persons Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
				1	55-100	1	55-100
				1	36-55	1	36-55
				5	24-36	1	24-36
				3	10-24	4	10-24
				6	0-10	3	0-10

<u>Number of Persons in each Family Employed in</u>						
<u>Total</u>	<u>Mining</u>	<u>Agri- culture</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Manufacture and trades</u>	<u>Navi- gation of the ocean</u>	<u>Navigation of canals lakes and rivers</u>
45		10				

<u>Learned profes- sions and engineers</u>	<u>Pensioners for Revolu- tionary or Military Services included in the foregoing</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing</u>
<u>Names</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Deaf and Dumb</u> <u>Blind</u>
		<u>No.</u> <u>Ages</u>

<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]</u>		<u>Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing</u>		
<u>Insane and Idiots</u>		<u>Deaf, Dumb, and Blind</u>		<u>Insane and Idiots</u>
<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>	<u>Deaf & Dumb</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Insane and idiots at private charge</u>
				<u>Insane and idiots at public charge</u>

<u>Schools, &c.</u>						
<u>Univer-</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Acade-</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>No. of</u>
<u>sities</u>		<u>mies &</u>		<u>and</u>		
<u>or College</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Scholars</u>
		<u>Schools</u>		<u>Schools</u>		<u>at public</u>
						<u>charge</u>

No. of white persons over 20 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Benedict Walker was born between about 1780 and 1790.

The will of William Wright dated on April 12, 1845, and probated on October 27, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/106, listed Hannah Walker as one of his children:

". . . . I William Wright of Westmoreland County Virginia do make and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last will and testament

. . . .

Secondly. I give and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of every Species and Kind to my three daughters Hannah Walker Jane Bell, and Mary Robinson to be equally divided between them -

. . . .

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1845.

Wm Wright

. . . ."

On December 10, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/381, the commissioners of the county court filed their division and allotment of the land of William Wright and assigned Lot No. 2 to Hannah (Wright) Walker, the wife of Benedict Walker:

"We the undersigned commissioners, appointed under an order of the county court of Westmoreland dated on the ___ day of ____ 1845 to assign the dower out of the real estate of William Wright deceased to his widow & to divide the residue among the devisees under the last will & testament of the said William Wright, on this 10th day of December 1845, made the following division & distribution of the real estate

....

Lot No: 2, Known as Davis's containing say 180 acres, drawn by Hannah Walker formerly Hannah Wright, who intermarried with Benedict Walker.

....

Witness our hands this 10th day of December 1845.

Jos. Wheelwright)	
Geo. Delano	)	Commissioners
L. A. L. Lamkin)	

Virginia:

At a court of monthly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland county on Monday the 23rd. day of Septmr. 1850.

This report of the division of the real estate of William Wright decd; made by the commissioners appointed for the purpose was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, William Hutt CWC

Recorded and Examined

Teste, William Hutt CWC"

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Benedict Walker with the following household on August 19, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Bendt Walker	66	M		Farmer	25000
Hannah Walker	47	F		.	.
Bendt Walker Jr.	22	M		Farmer	.
James Walker	21	M		Farmer	.
Mary V Walker	18	F		.	.
George Walker	12	M		.	.
Henry K Walker	10	M		.	.
Milton M Walker	8	M		.	.
Hannah E Walker	6	F		.	.
Frances Standley	74	F		.	.
Mary P. Robinson	34	F		.	.
Joseph T. Robinson	6	M		.	.
Jane Bell	40	F		.	130
Fleet W Cox	26	M		Teacher	.

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
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Va		1		
Va		1		
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		.		
Va		.		

This record indicates that Benedict Walker was born in about 1784 and that Hannah (Wright) Walker was born in about 1803.

The 1860 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed B. Walker with the following household on August 6, 1860:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
B. Walker	77	M	W	Farmer	30,000
H. Walker	52	F	W		
V. Walker	26	F	W		
G Walker	20	M	W		
H. Walker	18	M	W		
M Walker	16	M	W		
M. E Walker	13	F	W		

<u>Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
34,900	.				
	.				
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	.				

This record indicates that Benedict Walker was born in about 1783 and that Hannah (Wright) Walker was born in about 1808.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Benedict Walker in the Walker Family Cemetery, Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Benedict Walker

Birth	17 Oct 1783 Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Death	8 Aug 1861 (aged 77) Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Burial	Walker Family Cemetery Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	160497944"

However, no photograph of the gravestone was provided.

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Hannah Wright Walker in the Walker Family Cemetery, Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Hannah Wright Walker

Birth	4 Apr 1804 Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
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Death	4 May 1883 (aged 79) Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Burial	Walker Family Cemetery Westmoreland County, Virginia, USA
Memorial ID	160498257"

However, no photograph of the gravestone was provided.

The death record of Milton M. Walker dated on June 27, 1914, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed his parents as Benedict Walker and Hannah Wright, both born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and his birth on February 27, 1843, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

The death record of Hannah E. Walker dated on March 31, 1934, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed her parents as Benedict Walker, born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and Hannah Wright, born in Oldhams, Westmoreland County, Virginia, and her birth on October 16, 1844, in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

(IV) Jane M. (Wright) Bell And Her Husband
Charles Ludwell Bell

Jane M. (Wright) Bell was a daughter of 1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1845 William⁶)

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Jane M. Wright and Charles L. Bell on May 3, 1827, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, with William Wright as surety:

"Bell, Charles L. & Jane M. Wright 3 May 1827, William Wright sec."

The 1830 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed Charles L. Bell with the following household:

<u>Names</u> <u>Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
Chas. L Bell	2	30-40	1	20-30

<u>Slaves</u> <u>Male</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Slaves</u> <u>Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free</u> <u>Colored</u> <u>Females</u>	<u>Age</u>
1	24-36	1	24-36				
3	10-24	3	0-10				
1	0-10						

<u>White Persons included in the foregoing</u>					
<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>Under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>	<u>Aliens -</u> <u>Foreigners &</u> <u>Naturalized</u>
12					

Slaves and Colored Persons,
included in the foregoing

<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>under 14</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>14 to 25</u>	<u>Deaf &</u> <u>Dumb</u> <u>25+</u>	<u>Blind</u>
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This record indicates that Jane (Wright) Bell was born between about 1800 and 1810 and that Charles Ludwell Bell was born between about 1790 and 1800.

The will of William Wright dated on April 12, 1845, and probated on October 27, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/106, listed Jane Bell as one of his children:

". . . . I William Wright of Westmoreland County Virginia do make and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last will and testament

. . . .

Secondly. I give and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of every Species and Kind to my three daughters Hannah Walker Jane Bell, and Mary Robinson to be equally divided between them - but that part which may fall to my daughter Jane Bell I do hereby give in trust to my executor in his hands to remain for the benefit of my said daughter Jane and her children - hereby authorising him my executor and trustee hereinafter named to rent, hire, sell, and convey as he may think most proper and best for her benefit, all or any part of her property either real or personal estate and so to manage the same as he may think best for her advantage

. . . .

And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Benedict Walker Executor to this my last will and also Trustee for my daughter Jane Bell -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1845.

Wm Wright

...."

On December 10, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/381, the commissioners of the county court filed their division and allotment of the land of William Wright and assigned Lot No. 3 to Jane (Wright) Bell, the wife of Charles Ludwell Bell:

"We the undersigned commissioners, appointed under an order of the county court of Westmoreland dated on the ___ day of ____ 1845 to assign the dower out of the real estate of William Wright deceased to his widow & to divide the residue among the devisees under the last will & testament of the said William Wright, on this 10th day of December 1845, made the following division & distribution of the real estate

....

Lot No: 3, Cross Roads Lot, containing say 60 acres, drawn by Benedict Walker, Trustee under the will of for Jane Bell formerly Jane Wright, who intermarried with Charles Ludwell Bell

....

Witness our hands this 10th day of December 1845.

Jos. Wheelwright)	
Geo. Delano	)	Commissioners
L. A. L. Lamkin)	

Virginia:

At a court of monthly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland county on Monday the 23rd. day of Septmr. 1850.

This report of the division of the real estate of William Wright decd; made by the commissioners appointed for the purpose was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, William Hutt CWC

Recorded and Examined

Teste, William Hutt CWC"

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Jane Bell in the Benedict Walker household on August 19, 1850, her age as 40 and born in Virginia,

indicating a date of birth in about 1810, and owning \$130 worth of real estate.

Jane M. (Wright) Bell has not as yet been identified in the 1860 Census.

(IV) Mary P. (Wright) Robinson, Her Husband
Porter Robinson, And Her Descendants

Mary P. (Wright) Robinson was a daughter of 1845 William Wright of Westmoreland County and Mary Presley (Claughton) Wright. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, 1776 Francis⁵, 1845 William⁶)

On July 28, 1843, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 31/372, Mary P. Wright and Porter Robinson executed a trust with William Wright as trustee to hold the personal property of Mary P. Wright before and after her marriage to Porter Robinson:

"This Indenture Tripartite made the 28th day of July in the year 1843 Between Porter Robinson of the first part Mary P. Wright of the second part And William Wright of the third party Whereas A marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized by the permission of god by and between the said Porter Robinson And the Said Mary P. Wright And whereas the said Mary P Wright is possessed of personal estate consisting of the following property To Wit Negro Slaves George, Eliza, Luazer, Finny, John Matilda, Wilmoth, Caroline And Ellen And two Beds, Bedsteads and furniture and Beauroe one large Trunk, one dozen silver Table spoones one large Bellmettle Kettle And whereas it hath been agreed that the said Porter Robinson should after the intended marriage had Receive and enjoy during the Joint lives of them the said Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright the Interest and occupation of the said personal estate And Also that the same Together with any estate either Real or personal which the said Mary P. Wright may Receive or inherit from any of her Relations And the interest and profits thereof from and after the decease of such of them the said Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright as should first happen to die should be at the sole and only disposal of the said Mary P Wright notwithstanding her coverture And Whereas it hath been also agreed that in case the said Mary P. Wright should after the said intended Marriage had hapen to survive the said Porter Robinson that she should not have or claim any part of the Real or personal estate whereof the said Porter Robinson should be Seized or possesd. or entitled to during the coverture between them By Virtue of her dower or title of dower at common law Now this indenture Witnesseth that in persuance of the before Recited agreement And in consideration of the sum of One dollar of lawful money of this commonwealth to the said Mary P. Wright in hand by the said William Wright At and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged she the said Mary P. Wright by and with the privy consent and agreement of the said Porter Robinson Testified by his being made A partie to, And his sealing and delivery of these presents Hath Granted Bargained Sold assigned transfered and set over and by these presents doth grant Bargain Sell Assign transfer and set over unto the said William Wright His Exors admors or

assigns All the said Negro slaves and their future increase To Wit George, Elija Luizer Fanny, John, Matilda Wellmouth, Caroline And Ellen also two Beds, Bedsteads & furniture one Beauroe one large Trunk one dozen silver table spoones and one large Bellmettle Kettle To have and to hold the said property hereby conveyed unto the said William Wright his Exors Admors and Assigns upon such Trust, Nevertheless and to and for such interests and purposes and under such provisos and agreements as are herein after mentiond That is to say in Trust for the said Mary P. Wright and her assigns until the solemnisation of the said intended Marriage then upon Trust that he the said William Wright his Exors, Admors or assigns shall And do permit the said Porter Robonsin And Mary his intended wife To have receive take and enjoy All the interest and profits of the said property hereby assignd. to and for his own use and Benefit And after the decease of Such of them the Said Porter Robinson and Mary P. Wright as Shall first happen to die then upon Trust that he the said William Wright his Exors admors or assigns shall and do assign over transfer and pay the said property to the said Mary in case she survive the said Porter Robinson But if she die before him, Then unto Such person or persons and at the time and times and in Such parts and proportions manner and form as she the said Mary P. Wright shall from time to time notwithstanding her coverture, By any Writing or writings under her hand and Seal attested by three or more credible Witnesses or by her last will or Testament to be by her Signed Sealed and published and declared in the presents of three Witnesses direct limit or appoint to the interest that the same may not be at the disposal of or subject to the controul of the debts forfeitures or engagements of the Said Porter Robinson her intended husband And in default of such direction limitation or appointment then to Such persons as would inherit under the law in case the said Mary P. Wright were never to get married, In Testimony we and each of us have hereunto set our hands and Seals this the aforesaid 28th day of July 1843. The seals signatures and attestation all carried forward

Signed sealed & Acknowl-	)	Porter Robinson
edged in the presents of	)	Mary P Wright
each of us	)	Wm Wright
Benedict Walker		
as to Wm Wright		

Westmoreland County Va.

We William Middleton & Benedict Walker Justices of the peace in the County Aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Porter Robinson And Mary P. Wright parties to the foregoing Marriage contract bearing date on this 28th day of July 1843 personally appeared Before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the aforesaid contract to be their act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Westmoreland in order that the said Contract may be recorded. Given under our hands and Seals this 29th day of July 1843.

Wm. Middleton
Benedict Walker

Virginia,

Clerk's Office of Westmoreland County Court the 29th day of July 1843.

This agreement between Porter Robinson of the first part, Mary P. Wright of the Second part, and William Wright of the third part, was this day presented in my office, and with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed thereto admitted to record

Teste,
William Hutt C.C."

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage bond of Mary P. Wright and Porter Robinson on July 29, 1843, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, with Benedict Walker as surety:

"Robinson, Porter & Mary P. Wright 29 July 1843, Benedict Walker sec."

The marriage record of Mary P. Wright and Porter Robinson was dated on July 30, 1843, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Record of Marriages.

This is to Certify that I solemnized the Rites of matrimony upon the authority of a License issued from your office, Mr Porter Robinson, and Miss Mary Wright, on the 30th day of July 1843.

John T Walsh
August 1, 1843

To the Clerk of Westmoreland
County

Truly Recorded,
Teste, William Hutt(?) CWC"

The will of William Wright dated on April 12, 1845, and probated on October 27, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 32/106, listed Mary Robinson as one of his children:

". . . . I William Wright of Westmoreland County Virginia do make and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last will and testament

. . . .

Secondly. I give and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of every

Species and Kind to my three daughters Hannah Walker Jane Bell, and Mary Robinson to be equally divided between them -

....

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1845.

Wm Wright

...."

On December 10, 1845, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 33/381, the commissioners of the county court filed their division and allotment of the land of William Wright and assigned Lot No. 4 to Mary P. Robinson, the wife of Porter Robinson:

"We the undersigned commissioners, appointed under an order of the county court of Westmoreland dated on the ___ day of ____ 1845 to assign the dower out of the real estate of William Wright deceased to his widow & to divide the residue among the devisees under the last will & testament of the said William Wright, on this 10th day of December 1845, made the following division & distribution of the real estate

....

Lot No: 4, The balance of the House fields adjoining the dower lands, containing say 40 acres & having on it the Barn & two corn Houses, drawn by Mary P. Robinson formerly Mary P. Wright, who intermarried with Porter Robinson all which the respectfully submit. Witness our hands this 10th day of December 1845.

Jos. Wheelwright)	
Geo. Delano	)	Commissioners
L. A. L. Lamkin)	

Virginia:

At a court of monthly sessions begun and held for Westmoreland county on Monday the 23rd. day of Septmr. 1850.

This report of the division of the real estate of William Wright decd; made by the commissioners appointed for the purpose was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, William Hutt CWC

Recorded and Examined

Teste, William Hutt CWC"

Newspapers.com listed the obituary of Porter Robinson dated on June 8, 1849, in the Richmond Enquirer, Richmond, Virginia, and his death on June 5, 1849, in Washington, District of Columbia:

"Died.

Died, in Washington City, on Tuesday last, Mr. Porter Robinson, a native of King William county, Virginia, age 32 years, leaving a wife and one child."

Findagrave.com listed the gravestone of Porter Robinson in Congressional Cemetery, Washington, District of Columbia:

"In Memory Of
Porter Robinson
native of
King William Co. Va.
Died June 5, 1849
age 32 years."

The 1850 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Mary P. Robinson and her son Joseph T. Robinson in the Benedict Walker household on August 19, 1850:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>
Bendt Walker	66	M		Farmer	25000
Hannah Walker	47	F		.	.
....					
Mary P. Robinson	34	F		.	.
Joseph T. Robinson	6	M		.	.
....					

<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Married Within Year</u>	<u>Attended School Within Year</u>	<u>Cannot Read & Write</u>	<u>Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.</u>
Va		.		
Va		.		
....				
Va		.		
Va		.		
....				

This record indicates that Mary P. (Wright) Robinson was born in about 1816.

Mary P. (Wright) Robinson has not as yet been found in the 1860 Census.

b. Elizabeth (Wright) Cox, Her Husband Fleet Cox, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Wright) Cox of Westmoreland County was a daughter of 1741 Richard Wright of Westmoreland County and Elizabeth (Wigginton) (Wright) McFarlane. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴)

The will of Richard Wright dated on March 10, 1740, and probated on October 27, 1741, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.B. 9/192, listed Eliza Wright as his daughter:

"In The Name of God Amen I Richard Wright of the parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland do make and ordain this my Present last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza Wright four Slaves Vizt. Negroe Nan Danl Rose and Newman all which Negroes I give to her the said Eliza and her heirs for Ever. . . . Item my will and desire is that all the rest and Residue of my Estate Goods and Chattles whatsoever be Equally divided between my wife Eliza my son Francis and daughter Eliza and their heirs for Ever Shair and Shair alike"

The will of Peter Presly Cox dated on June 6, 1762, and probated on June 29, 1762, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 14/133, listed Fleet Cox as his brother and Molly Cox as his goddaughter:

"In the Name of God Amen I Peter Presly Cox of the County of Westmoreland do make this my last Will and testament (that is to say) and as to my estate I dispose of as followeth Vizt Item I give and bequeath to my God daughter Molly Cox One Negro girl named Frank to her and her heirs, Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Sally One negro girl named Patt to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet and his heirs forever. Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Nancey One negro girl named Beck to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet Cox and his heirs forever. . . . Item I give to my brother Fleet Cox all the rest of my estate not before given to him and his heirs paying to Jane Muffets two Daughters Salley and Nancy fifty pounds current money a piece when they come to the age of eighteen years or marry and my Brother Fleet or his heirs is to board and cloath the said two Daughters of Jane Muffet till they come to the age of eighteen years or marry I do appoint my brother Fleet Cox executor of this my last Will and testament As Witness my and seal this sixth day of June 1762.

Peter Presley Cox

...."

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 14/393, listed Fleet Cox as his son and Fleet Cox, Presley Cox, and Molley Cox as his grandchildren:

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia do think it prudent now to make my last Will and testament which I accordingly do in the following manner and form Item I give and bequeath to my son Fleet Cox my great bible and large looking glass which hangs in the Hall and my negro man Dick to him and his heirs forever, Item I give to my grandsons Fleet Cox and Presley Cox and my grand daughter Molley Cox ten pounds current money each to be paid Out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage, lastly I Constitute and appoint my son Fleet Cox and my son William Cox and Francis Wright to be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and disanuling all Will or Wills by me heretofore made and allowing this only to be my last Will and Testament,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Presly Cox

...."

These three records indicate that Elizabeth Wright and Fleet Cox were married sometime between October 27, 1741, and before June 6, 1762, and identifies their children as follows:

- 1) Molley Cox, born before June 6, 1762,
- 2) Fleet Cox, born before February 18, 1766, and
- 3) Presley Cox, born before February 18, 1766.

The will of Fleet Cox was dated on January 7, 1791, probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen. I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, Being aged and infirm, But of full sense and Memory, thanks be given to God for it, And to mind the uncertainty of this Transitory life, and being desirous to settle my Temporal Estate and affairs, whilst I am Endued with my perfect understanding, do make this my last will and Testament, Revoking and Disannuling all former Wills heretofore by me made, do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following.

Item. I give to my son Peter Presley Cox all my lands in Cherry Point, and

fourteen Negroes Viz - Will Austin, Dick, Aaron, Charles, young Will, also old Frank and her children, Mima, Cillar, Mag, David, also young Frank and her children Frederick, Criss and Fanny and their increase, with all my stocks of Cattle, Hogs and sheep, the old bay Mare and her Colt, and a young bay Horse, all the Plantation utensils, with the whole Crop that is on the plantation at my decease, to him and his heirs, But in case my son Peter Presley dies before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries then I give the above mentioned Estate wholly to my son John Cox and his heirs.

Item. I also give to my said son Peter Presley Cox the Lands whereon my son Fleet Cox now lives, as far as the Mill Road from the Lands of William Morton, along the said Road, to the Lands of William Gilbert, thence along the said Gilberts line to the Lands I purchased of Benedick Rust, also nine Negroes Viz: Moses, old Charles, his Daughter Hannah, old Hannah, and her children Lucy, Mary, Emmanuel and Suck also old Nell and there increase also all the stock of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, with all the plantation utensils and all the Crop that is on the said plantation at my decease Also, one Bed & furnetur, he to have his choice of Bedsteads, Cords and Hides, also my little still, Worm and Tub, my Silver shoe and Knee Buckles, one Dozen and an half of Silver Coat Buttons and two Dozen Silver Waistcoat Buttons, my Silver Tankard, six Silver Table spoons, and six Silver tea Spoons also my new Saddle, and Desk that stand in the Hall, the looking glass which stands in the chamber, four Spades, and Seven Seting Chairs, which I purchased at Morgans Sale also six choice Flag Chairs, two flax Hackles in the Shop, also one Table which stands in the Chamber the whole to him and his heirs, But in case my said son Peter Presley should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, then I give the last mentioned Estate to my son James Cox and his heirs, Except my Silver Tankard, which I give to my grandson Presley Cox.

Item I give to my son John Cox the lands I purchased of Benedict Rust also part of th lands I purchased of Mathew Rust and Peter Lamkin Beginning at a Swamp and runing up a Gully between the Orchard fence and the Hatters Shop as it now stands thence across the old field to the head of another Gully, thence down the said Gully and Branch to Bloyces Run, thence down said Run to the main Road, thence along said Road to a Locust post, from thence along the line of Vincent Rust, to the Swamp joining William Gilbert thence up said Swamp to the Begining Containing one hundred and fifty Acres, be the same more or less, Also Eleven Negroes Viz. old Dick, Mary, Oliver, Winny, Anthony, Harry, Nan, and her children Dick and Mary, John (Nells son) and Criss (Winneys Daughter), the young Sorrell horse, one Bed Bedstead and furnetur, three Spades, one large Trunk, and Sox flaged Chairs, Also all the Stocks of Cattle Hogs and Sheep, and all the Crop that is on the said Plantation and all the plantation utensils thereon at my decease to him and his heirs, But in case my said son John Cox should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years or marries, then I give the last mentioned Estate to my son James Cox and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son James Cox the Tract of Land Call'd Potters also the Lands I purchased of James Harrison Containing Fifty acres, also the Land Called Turners, being one hundred Acres and the Tract of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors. and Eleven Negroes Viz. James, Nasau, Saul, Nelson, Dennis, Jude (Winneys Daughter), Ellick, Betty and her three Children Hannah, Patt, and Balinder, and their increase. Also all the stock of Cattle Hogs and Sheep, and Planttton utensils and all the Crops that is on the said plantation at my decease, also one Bed, Bedstead and furneture, and the young bay Horse Colt, from Cherry Point also two Spades the whole to him and his heirs. But in case my said son James Cox should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years or marries then the last mentioned Estate to Desend to my son John Cox and his heirs.

Item. my will and desire is that my three Sons Peter Presley and John and James Cox may have their Blacksmiths work done Grates at my present Shop, untill they arrive to the age of Twenty one years.

Item I give to my Daughter Molley Middleton the lands I purchased of Charles Bruce to her and her heirs.

Item I give to my Daughter Betty Downing my riding Chair and one Black Horse which she is now possessed with, to her and her heirs.

Item I give to my Son Fleet Cox and his heirs all my Estate both Real and Personal not before by me given, upon Conditions hereafter mentioned. First that my Son Fleet Cox do make a good Right and Title to my son James Cox and his heirs, all that part or parcel of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors. Secondly that my Son Fleet Cox Board & School my two Sons John and James Cox untill they arrive to the age of Eighteen years without any Charge. Thirdly that he pay to my Son John Cox One hundred Pounds Specie when he arives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, Fourthly. that he pay to my Son James Cox two hundred Pounds Specie when he arives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, and if either of my two Sons John and James Cox die before they arrive to the age of Twenty one years, that the Survivor of the said two be heir to his said Brother. Fifthly that my said Son Fleet Cox pay all my Just debts that may be due at my decease. Sixth and lastly in Case my Son Fleet Cox his heirs, Exors. and Admors. do not in every part fully Comply with this my last will and Testament, then I give my two Sons John and James Cox the lands and Brick House where my Father liv'd and all the lands adjoining thereto, from the West and Northwest side of the main Road leading to Yeocomoco Church from the lands of Thomas Moore down the said main Road to the lands of Peter Self.

Last of all I do hereby Constitute, Appoint and Ordain my friends Jeremiah G. Bailey, my Son in Law Thomas Downing, and my two Sons Fleet and Peter Presley Cox, my whole and Sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of

January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

Sign'd Seal'd & acknowledged)
In Presence of us)
William Eustace
Henry Self
William Leighton
William Bran
William Jones
Presly Wright

At a court held for Westmoreland County the 28th day of June 1791.

This Will was proved according to Law by the oaths of Henry Self, William Leighton and William Brann three of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And On the Motion of Peter Presley Cox one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto according to Law, and together with Fleet Cox his security entered into and Acknowledged Bond with Condition as the Law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Jas. Bland CWC"

The absence of any reference to his wife Elizabeth (Wright) Cox indicates that she had probably died before January 7, 1791. This record in conjunction with the will of Presley Cox set forth above identifies the children of Fleet Cox as follows:

- 1) Fleet Cox, born before February 18, 1766,
- 2) Richard Cox, born before January 7, 1770,
- 3) Molley (Cox) Middleton, born before June 6, 1762,
- 4) Peter Presley Cox, born either (a) after February 18, 1745, and before February 18, 1766, or (b) after January 7, 1770,
- 5) John Cox, born after January 7, 1773,
- 6) James Cox, born after January 7, 1773, and
- 7) Betty (Cox) Downing, wife of Thomas Downing.

The will of 1766 Presley Cox listed his grandson Presley Cox, but the will of 1791 Fleet Cox listed Peter Presley Cox as under age 21. The result is to leave the date of birth of Peter Presley Cox in a confused state. One possible explanation is that there was a

child Presley Cox who died and a second and different child was named Peter Presley Cox.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 3rd edition, by Virginia M. Meyer and John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“9. Margaret Fleet³ (Henry², Henry¹), called Mary in her father’s will, married, (bond 17) Oct. 1723⁶⁶, Presley Cox of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, son of Charnock Cox. He left will 18 Feb. 1766 - 30 Sept. 1766.⁶⁷

Issue: [Cox] 28. Mary Ann⁴, married, as his (1) wife, Francis Wright who left will 5 Dec. 1775 - 26 March 1793;⁶⁸ 30. Fleet⁴, justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791 - 28 June 1791,⁷⁰ married Elizabeth Wright;”

⁶⁶ Nottingham, *op. cit.*, p. 17.

⁶⁷ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 14, 1761-68, pp. 393-95.

⁶⁸ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, pp. 294-95.

. . . .
⁷⁰ Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94, p. 191.”

The pattern of siblings marrying siblings was common at this time and this record indicates that Elizabeth Wright, the daughter of Richard Wright, married Fleet Cox, just as her brother Francis Wright, the son of Richard Wright, had married Mary Ann Cox, the sister of Fleet Cox.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.

Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191.”

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding Fleet Cox:

"Fleet Cox (1730?-1791)

The period of quietude in Cox land acquisition ended abruptly with the majority of Fleet Cox, son of Presley Cox. He was not mentioned in his father's will, though his sons were. This man became the predominant land owner of the entire area by the time of his death in 1791. The tax rolls for 1789 list 2096 acres in his name, to which must be added another 203 he obtained right before his death. I

can account for 2468 acres based on what was in his will and later documents, but there were some omissions. There was also a large tract in Northumberland on Cherry Point, which he devised to his son Peter P. Cox.^o The Rust family's holdings were vast until the late Eighteenth Century, but they were divided among many brothers and cousins and had begun to wane by the end of the century. Only John Murphy, with about 2000 acres in the early Nineteenth Century, rivaled Fleet Cox for individual holdings.

Presley Cox's will and later family involvement indicates that Fleet married Elizabeth Wright, the sister of Francis Wright, who married Fleet's sister, Mary Fleet Cox. This is the same Wright family that was involved in the lawsuits over the estate of Benedict (2) Middleton and the same family from whom Fleet's son, Richard, acquired 200 acres in the old Clay land. Fleet and Elizabeth Wright, widow, as executors of Francis Wright, sold the land to Fleet's son, Richard.⁴¹²

When he was likely still in his twenties, Fleet began to acquire the land which is listed in the Appendix. In 1751 Matthew Rust's will made provisions for Fleet to buy the 150-acres northern half of the old Shakly grant for £85cm. This began his southward expansion described in the Clay chapter. In 1767 he acquired the dower rights of Ann Lamkin in two undescribed pieces of land sold by Matthew Lamkin to him.⁴¹³ This would seem to be the remainder of the land his great-grandfather, Vincent Cox, gave to, or sold, his son-in-law, George Lamkin, in 1762.

Like so many of these people, we do not know as much as we would like to know about Fleet, but there is no doubt that he was a man of influence. He was a Vestryman of Cople Parish from 1755-1785.⁴¹⁴ On October 9, 1778, he signed the petition to the General Assembly of Virginia favoring the continuation of the established Church of Virginia. He was a Trustee of the new town of Knsale. He viewed the new road between Catesby Jones' and Vincent Rust's land along with Fleet, Jr. and William Gilbert.⁴¹⁵ This is the road in use today, Rt. 203 eastward into Kinsale from Rt. 202.

Where he lived is not particularly clear. He had seven children, and a glance at the size of Elba House makes one doubt that they all would have fit in there.

. . . .

The 1791 tax roll stated that he had 26 blacks, 15 horses and 4 carriages. In Cople Parish only George Turberville and Richard Henry Lee possessed more carriages. He was tied for third in the number of slaves.⁴²³

Fleet Cox was survived by six children.

. . . .

Fleet Cox Land

Will of Matthew Rust, DW 11-327, 7/11/1751, pv 7/30/1751. The sum of £85 to Fleet Cox to pay for 150 acres of land next to Charnock Cox, dec. and bounded by the land of Peter Lamkin, provided he pays £85 to the estate. Northern part

of old Shakly grant.

DW 12-231, 3/7/1755, 6/6/1755 Peter & Ann Lamkin to Fleet Cox Land Lamkin bought from Benjamin Rust 50 acres Blices Road £24 cm. Bounded on land Cox bought of Matthew Rust, from a chestnut tree corner to an oak on Blice's Road thence along the road to the run and up the run to land of Presley Cox and then to beginning. Upper part of the 346-acre grant.

DW 12-278, 3/1/1755, 9/12/1755 Edwin Turner to Peter Presley Cox 50 acres given to grantor by his father, Edward Turner's will. No description. Peter Presley died in 1762 and property passed to Fleet, his brother. Listed in Fleet's will as 100 acres. Part of old John Garner, Jr. 1709 patent north of Sandy Point Road.

DW 14-82, 10/4/1761, 1/26/1762 Rodham Pritchett to Fleet Cox 40 acres, £70cm Begin at a small walnut in line of Presley Cox; 1. Along Cox line to main road to Yeo Church; 2. On road to land of Thomas Self, dec.; 3. On Self's line to land of Thomas Bennett, Jr. 4. Along Bennett to beginning. Not entirely clear as to location.

DW 14-287, 2/11/1765, 2/26/1765. Samuel Rust to Fleet Cox Land where my son Peter Rust lives. 250 acres. Bounded by Samuel Walker, Madgalene Jackson, Michael Gilbert, James Lamkin an on the head of John Smith's Mill Pond to Walker's land. Old Clay grant.

100? acres. DW 14-469, 6/10/1767, 6/30/1767. Ann Lamkin to Fleet Cox £65cm, all her right of dower in two pieces of land that Matthew (son of Peter and Ann) and Frances his wife sold to Fleet Cox. Would have been the land where her husband, Peter Lamkin lived.

DW 14-538, 2/6/1768, 3/29/1768 Jeremiah & Frances Rust to Fleet Cox, £60 cm, Same property as the late Jeremiah Rust devised to wife Magdalene and after her to son Jeremiah 100 acres, except the graveyard within a bunch of cedars where there is a vault Bound by land Cox bought from Matthew Lamkin and land Wm. Martin, dec. and Sam. Walker and land purchased of Samuel Rust and land of Wm. Gilbert and land Cox bought of Matt. Rust. Present Vault Field Vineyards. Old Clay grant

WCO Order Book 1776-1786, 40, 5/27/1777. Deed ordered to be recorded. James Lamkin to Fleet Cox. James is son of George (2) Lamkin. Old Clay grant. 90 acres. Called Popler Neck in the will of William (204) Rust.

. . . .

DW 19-269, 3/5/1784, rec 3/15/1784, re-rec 9/25/1797 Benedict Trust to Fleet Cox 250 acres Land of Matthew Rust 7/11/1731. Joining the waters of Lee's Mill Pond. Old Clay grant.

WCO Order Book 1776-1786, 92, 3/28/1780. Proof of deed Thomas Self to Fleet Cox. Not in deed books. South of Carmel Church. ??? acres.
. . . ."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox were the following:

- 1) Fleet Cox, born after February 18, 1745, and before February 18, 1766,
- 2) Richard Cox, born before January 7, 1770,
- 3) Molley (Cox) Middleton, born before June 6, 1762,
- 4) Peter Presley Cox, born either (a) after February 18, 1745, and before February 18, 1766, or (b) after January 7, 1770,
- 5) John Cox, born after January 7, 1773,
- 6) James Cox, born after January 7, 1773, and
- 7) Betty (Cox) Downing, wife of Thomas Downing.

i. Fleet Cox, His Wife Elizabeth (Downing) Cox, And His Descendants

Fleet Cox was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 14/393, listed Fleet Cox as his son and also as his grandson::

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia do think it prudent now to make my last Will and testament which I accordingly do in the following manner and form Item I give and bequeath to my son Fleet Cox my great bible and large looking glass which hangs in the Hall and my negro man Dick to him and his heirs forever, Item I give to my grandsons Fleet Cox and Presley Cox and my grand daughter Molley Cox ten pounds current money each to be paid Out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Presly Cox

. . . ."

This record indicates that Fleet Cox, the son of Fleet Cox, was born after February 18,

1745, and before February 18, 1766.

Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800,
by Robert K Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Fleet Cox and Elizabeth Downing in
September 1787 in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Cox, Fleet & Downing, Elizabeth; Sep 1787; mar. by L. Lunsford; bride was a
dau. of Thomas. (d. NC 1799) & Sarah Ann (Rogers) Downing; (MLR NC; RB
16:23; Downing: 100)"

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791,
at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed Fleet Cox as one of his
children:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do
make this my last Will and Testament

Item. I also give to my said son Peter Presley Cox the Lands whereon my son
Fleet Cox now lives, as far as the Mill Road from the Lands of William Morton,
along the said Road, to the Lands of William Gilbert, thence along the said
Gilberts line to the Lands I purchased of Benedick Rust,

. . . .
Item I give to my Son Fleet Cox and his heirs all my Estate both Real and
Personal not before by me given, upon Conditions hereafter mentioned.
First that my Son Fleet Cox do make a good Right and Title to my son James
Cox and his heirs, all that part or parcel of Land which my son Richard Cox
purchased of Francis Wrights Exors. Secondly that my Son Fleet Cox Board &
School my two Sons John and James Cox untill they arrive to the age of
Eighteen years without any Charge. Thirdly that he pay to my Son John Cox
One hundred Pounds Specie when he arives to the age of Twenty one years, or
marries, Fourthly. that he pay to my Son James Cox two hundred Pounds
Specie when he arives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, and if either
of my two Sons John and James Cox die before they arrive to the age of Twenty
one years, that the Survivor of the said two be heir to his said Brother. Fifthly
that my said Son Fleet Cox pay all my Just debts that may be due at my
decease. Sixth and lastly in Case my Son Fleet Cox his heirs, Exors. and
Admors. do not in every part fully Comply with this my last will and Testament,
then I give my two Sons John and James Cox the lands and Brick House where
my Father liv'd and all the lands adjoining thereto, from the West and Northwest
side of the main Road leading to Yeocomoco Church from the lands of Thomas
Moore down the said main Road to the lands of Peter Self.

Last of all I do hereby Constitute, Appoint and Ordain my friends Jeremiah G.
Bailey, my Son in Law Thomas Downing, and my two Sons Fleet and Peter
Presley Cox, my whole and Sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament. In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of
January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety

one.

Fleet Cox

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This record indicates that Fleet Cox was born before January 7, 1770.

A portion of the will of Fleet Cox, the son of Fleet Cox, was recorded in Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 20/8, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I Fleet Cox of Westmoreland County being of sound Disposing Mind do hereby revoke all Wills by me heretofore made and do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following Vizt. First I humbly recommend my Soul to God through the mercy of my blessed redeemer and I direct my body to be interr'd in the family Burial ground.

ITem I direct all my Just debts to be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

ITem I give and devise to my son Presley on the day of his marriage or when he shall attain the age of twenty one years (but subject to the provision hereinafter made for his mother) all my home house plantation whereon I now live and bounded as the Road now runs from the lands of William Middleton to the lands of Job Self together with all the houses orchards the Smiths Shop and all the Tools and the distillery and all the Stills stands Worms and Tubbs, as also my Water Grist mill and its Appurtenances and also all the land by me purchased from Thomas Self and Francis Holliday to have and to hold the said Plantations water Grist mill and other Appurtenances unto him the said Presley & his heirs and assigns forever.

ITem I give and devise to my son Fleet on the day of his marriage or When he shall attain the age of 21 years that tract of Land known by the name of the Brick house tract whereon my Grand father Presley Cox lived heretofore - as also the land whereon James Wasancroft(?) now lives, and also that Tract of Land By me purchased from B. B. Smith of the County of Westmoreland to them and to hold the said plantations with their appurtenances unto him the Said Fleet and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITem I give and devise to my son Downing on the day of his marriage or when he shall attain the age of 21 years all my lands in Yenomoco neck by me Purchased from John Critcher and Peter Rust. To have and to hold the said Plantations with their Appurtenances unto him the said Downing & his heirs & assigns forever

ITem It is my Will and desire that if either of my said sons Presley Fleet or Downing shall depart this life not being of lawful age and without issue born in wedlock that then and in such"

Pages 9 through 16 of Deed & Will Book 20 are missing from the microfilm copy of that

Book 20. Page 6 of the Book listed a court hearing date of June 24, 1799, and page 18 of the book listed a court hearing date of August 26, 1799, indicating that the will of Fleet Cox was recorded between those dates. Since the will was recorded in Westmoreland County, Virginia, that county would have been the place of death of Fleet Cox.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.
Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191.”

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding Fleet Cox, Jr.:

"Fleet Cox, Jr. (c. 1747-1799)

Fleet, Jr. married Elizabeth Downing, daughter of Thomas Downin.⁴²⁴ In the Revolutionary War he served as a second lieutenant in John Rochester's militia company.⁴²³ His wartime dust-up with Robert Carter was set out in the introductory material.

He inherited something like 1000 acres from his father, and added at least 862 acres before his death in 1799. . . .

According to *Payne v. Cox*, in 1846, he died in March 1799.⁴²⁹ He left a will, but only an undated, one-page fragment was recorded. He was not elderly, since all of his sons: Fleet (3), Presley and Downing were said to have been under 21.⁴³⁰

The will, as abstracted by me, states:

To son Presley on the day of his marriage or 21 my home house plantation where I live and bounded on the road running from lands of William Middleton to land of Job Self. A smithy, distillery and my Water Grist Mill. To son Fleet (3) on the day of his marriage or 21, the Brick House Tract where my grand++++ Presley Cox lived. Also land where James Wilson [Wisecroft?] now lives. Also land purchased from B. B. Smith To son Downing on the day of his marriage or 21, land in Yeocomico Neck from John Crichter and Peter Rust.

Fleet, Jr. had three daughters: Sally, who married Daniel Payne, and became

involved in two family lawsuits; Mary, who married James Haymie; and Polly.⁴³¹

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Fleet (2) Cox Land

DW 19-274, 5/22/1784, 9/25/1797 Benedict Lamkin to Fleet, Jr. (2) Cox 12 acres adjoining the mill that my father, Matthew Lamkin sold to John jSmith and adjoining land Cox purchased of James Lamkin. Clay land

DW 18-145, 8/24/1790, 12/28/1790 David Austin to Fleet Cox, Jr. £35 cm, 69 acres Bounds Vincent Smith Bailey, dec. and west as far as Robert Carter's swamp (m&b)

DW 19-70, 8/28/1794, 10/28/1794 Peter Rust, devisee under will of Samuel Rust who was devisee of his father Peter Rust and Elizabeth Ball Rust, ux, to Fleet, Jr. (2) Cox £350cm Yeocomico Neck Bull Neck?? 175 acres m/l devised under the will of Peter the Elder 11/9/1761 Adj Richard Lee, Will. Newton, George Rust, dec, Samuel Rust, Sr. and Geo. Steptoe, dec. This was the northern half of the Matthew and Peter Rust patent of 358 acres.

DW 19-73, 10/10/1794, 10/28/1794 William & Elizabeth Middleton of Richmond County to Fleet Cox 75 acres less a 30 foot square burial place for Middleton, his wife and heirs. Bounded by Wm. Garner, Edmund Walker, John Middleton's heirs, Jemima Middleton, John Middleton's heirs [second set] and lands of Thomas Middleton. Clay land

DW 19-95, 2/24/1795, John & Winfred Bailey his wife; Charles & Winfred Bell; Benedict & Mary Wright; Rot & Ann Hudson; Thomas & Hannah Bell. Winfred, Ann and Hannah were listed as sisters and heirs of Vincent Smith Bailey to Fleet Cox, 20 acres. 8# tobacco, land adjacent to Robt. Carter, John Hague & Ben. McCoy which descended to John Bailey who is a brother of Vincent Smith Bailey. Old James Bailey land near Acorn.

WCO Order Book 1776-1786, 259, 2/22/1785. Indenture of feoffment between John and Winfred Bailey to Fleet Cox. Winfred examined and it was ordered to be recorded. This would have been in the stolen book. Deed was before Fleet's death in 1791. Old James Bailey land near Acorn. Unknown amount. Re-entry of above WCO Order Book 1790-1795, 3/23/1795, p. 411. Indenture of John and Winfred Bailey to Fleet Cox proved by oath of Peter P. Cox and Sydnor Bailey as to those who had not acknowledged it. Also acknowledged by Benedict Wright and Thomas Bell, Jr.

DW 19-164, 4/21/1796, 4/25/1796. Baldwin Bushrod Smith to Fleet Cox 301 acres Tavern Road and stream toward late Richard Lee's Mill. Many calls on the road. it would have passed to Fleet, Jr. under the residue clause of Fleet's will.

DW 19-166, 3/16/1796, 4/25/1796 Thomas & Jemima Middleton to Fleet Cox.

50 Acres where Middleton lives. Bounded by William T. Garner, William Middleton, dec., Clay land

DW 19-170, 1/2/1796, 6/25/1796. Frances Holliday, St. Stephens Parish to Fleet (2) Cox. 25£cm 60 acres left to her by will of her uncle Moses Self. Adj to Cox, Richard Bennett, George Garner, James Cox [Turners?], Jno. Turberville "unto the said Cox's land."

DW 19-180, 6/15/1796, 6/27/1796 Thomas & Jane Joyce Moore to Fleet (2) Cox. £80cm Two tracts where Moore lives. One a tract given him by his father and part purchased of Robert Moore. The whole of the two tracts is 100 acres m/l. Bounded by Wm. Middleton, Eliz McFarling, Wm. Moore, Robert Curtis, Jno Hague, Eleanor H. L++ing, lands of Fleet Cox. Probably "Robin Moores" the Delano land in 1845.

Total 862+ Acres"

ii. Richard Cox

Richard Cox was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed Richard Cox as one of his children:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

. . . .

Item I give to my son James Cox the Tract of Land Call'd Potters also the Lands I purchased of James Harrison Containing Fifty acres, also the Land Called Turners, being one hundred Acres and the Tract of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors.

. . . .

Item I give to my Son Fleet Cox and his heirs all my Estate both Real and Personal not before by me given, upon Conditions hereafter mentioned. First that my Son Fleet Cox do make a good Right and Title to my son James Cox and his heirs, all that part or parcel of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors.

. . . . In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

. . . ."

This record indicates that Richard Cox was born before January 7, 1770. The absence of any provision by Fleet Cox in his will for his son Richard Cox indicates that Richard Cox had probably died before January 7, 1791.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

“30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.

Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191.”

iii. Mary "Molley" (Cox) (Middleton) Plummer, Her
Husbands William Middleton And Thomas Plummer,
And Her Descendants

Mary "Molley" (Cox) (Middleton) Plummer was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The will of Peter Presly Cox dated on June 6, 1762, and probated on June 29, 1762, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 14/133 listed Fleet Cox as his brother and Molly Cox as his goddaughter:

"In the Name of God Amen I Peter Presly Cox of the County of Westmoreland . . . do make this my last Will and testament (that is to say) . . . and as to my estate I dispose of as followeth Vizt first I give to my God Son Richard Wright One Negro girl named Mugg to him and his heirs forever, Item I give and bequeath to my God daughter Molly Cox One Negro girl named Frank to her and her heirs, Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Sally One negro girl named Patt to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet and his heirs forever. Item I leave to Jane Muffets daughter Nancey One negro girl named Beck to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the said negro girl to my brother Fleet Cox and his heirs forever. . . . Item I give to my brother Fleet Cox all the rest of my estate not before given to him and his heirs paying to Jane Muffets two Daughters Salley and Nancy fifty pounds current money a piece when they come to the age of eighteen years or marry and my Brother Fleet or his heirs is to board and cloath the said two Daughters of Jane Muffet till they come to the age of eighteen years or marry I do appoint my brother Fleet Cox executor of this my last Will and testament As Witness my and seal this sixth day of June 1762.

Peter Presley Cox

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This record indicates that Mary "Molley" Cox was born before June 6, 1762.

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, listed Fleet Cox as his son and Molley Cox as his granddaughter::

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia do think it prudent now to make my last Will and testament which I accordingly do in the following manner and form Item I give and bequeath to my son Fleet Cox my great bible and large looking glass which hangs in the Hall and my negro man Dick to him and his heirs forever, Item I give to my grandsons Fleet Cox and Presley Cox and my grand daughter Molley Cox ten pounds current money each to be paid Out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Presly Cox

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Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800,
by Robert K Headley, Jr., listed the marriages of Molly Cox to first William Middleton on December 4, 1777, and second to Thomas Plummer:

"Middleton, William & Cox, Molly; 4 Dec 1777; bride was a dau. of Fleet Cox (d. C 1791) & granddau. of Presley Cox (d. WC 1766); she mar. (2) Thos. Plummer; (WC DW 18:191; DW 19:203; NNHM 16:1481)"

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed Mollley Middleton as one of his children:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

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Item I give to my Daughter Molley Middleton the lands I purchased of Charles Bruce to her and her heirs.

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. . . . In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh

day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

...."

The will of William Middleton was dated on June 16, 1790, probated on January 25, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 17/148, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I William Middleton of the Parish of Cople and County of Westmoreland, Being Endued with my Natural Reason, and Senses, that it hath at my time of life Pleased Almighty God to bless me with, Calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Transatory life, do make, Constitute, and ordain this my last Will and Testament, Revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me made, my Will and desire is tht first of all my Just Debts b3 apid by my Exors hereafter mentioned. Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my son Robert Middleton my Plantation and the Several Tracts or Parcels of Land thereunto adjoining whereon I now live as far as the land now in Possession of Abigail Harrison, thence Along the line of Benjamin Middleton in a direct Course to my Mill Pond to him and his heirs forever. Imprimis I give my said son Robert Middleton my Water Grist Mill and my Lands in Richmond County to him and his heirs forever. Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my Son William Middleton the manor Plantation in Northumberland County which I purchased of George Eskride and all my other lands adjoining thereto, to him and his heirs forever. Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Middleton the Land in Northumberland County which I Purchased of said Eskridge, Known by the name of Edmund's and two Negroes Vizt. A Negro girl call'd Barbary, and a Negro Boy named Lones(?), to him and his heirs forever. Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my two Daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Fleet Middletons my Land adjoining the Land of Mr. Fleet Cox Senr. to be equally Divided to them and their heirs forever. Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Middleton my Plantation whereon William Anderson now lives and all my other Lands thereunto adjoining as far as the sycamore tree a Corner Line to the Lands of Benjamin Middleton from thence a direct Course to the Mill Pond the line of the Lands before given to my Son Robert as directed by the first Bequest, To her and her heirs forever. Imprimis I give and Bequeath all the Remainder part of my Estate, both real and Personal to be Equally divided between my six children, Elizabeth, Robert, Mary Fleet, William, Hannah and John Middletons and their heirs forever, my Will and desire further is, that if my said Son Robert should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or Marries then for the said Land and Mill to descend to my son William and his heirs forever, upon his giving up his Right and title of the Lands to him Bequeathed to my son John and his heirs forever, Also if Either of my two Sons William and John Middleton die before they arrive to the age of Twenty one years or marries, then in such Case my desire is that the Survivor to heir to all the said Land before Bequeathed, to him and his heirs forever. Lastly I constitute, appoint, and ordain My three friends Fleet Cox Junr. Vincent Jackson and Jeremiah Garland Baily whole and sole Exors of this my last Will and

Testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seale this Twenty Sixth day of June, In the year of our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and Ninety

William Middleton

Sign'd Seald & Acknowledged)
In Presence of)
Henry Self
Richard Bennett
William Anderson
George Middleton

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 25th day of January 1791.

This Will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Henry Self Richard Bennett and George Middleton three of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded; And on the motion of Fleet Cox Junr. & Vincent Jackson two of the Exors. therein Named who made Oath thereto according to Law, and together with Thomas Lunford and Vincent Redman their Securities entered into and Acknowledged Bond with Condition as the Law directs Certificate is granted them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Jas Bland CWC"

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Moley Middleton and Thomas Plummer on March 7, 1795, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Plummer, Thomas & Moley Middleton, wid. 7 Mar. 1795, Nathaniel Oldham sec."

Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800, by Robert K Headley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Molly Middleton and Thomas Plummer on March 7, 1795:

"Plummer, Thomas & Middleton, Molly (wid.); b. 7 Mar 1795; Nathaniel Oldham (sec.); bride was a dau. of Fleet Cox (d. WC 1791), granddau. of Presley Cox (d. WC 1766) & the wid. of Wm. Middleton; (WC DW 19:203; MLB WC)"

On May 27, 1796, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 19/203, Thomas Plummer and his wife Molly (Cox) (Middleton) Plummer sold to Peter P. Cox a tract of land of about 100 acres known as Charles Bruce's land:

"This Indenture made & entered into this 27th day of May 1796 Between

Thomas Plummer & Molly his wife (which said Molly was Molly Middleton prior to her marriage with the said Thomas) of the one part and Peter p. Cox of the County of Westmd. & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Plummer & Molly his wife for and in Consideration of One hundred Pounds to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is fully absolute Acknowledged they the said Thos Plummer & Molly his wife have bargained & Sold & by these presents do bargain & Sell unto the said Peter P. Cox his heirs & Assigns all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in the said County of Westmoreland adjoining the Lands of him the said Peter P. Cox and is the Land known by the name of Charles Bruces Land for under that Name it is described in the Will of Fleet Cox the elder which is dated on the 7th Day of January 1791. And the same is thereby devised unto the said Molly by the Name of Molly Middleton all which will fully and at Large appear upon reference to the said will of record and the Contents of the Said Land may be One hundred Acres but the same is hereby bargained and sold to the said Peter P. Cox be the same more or Less together with all ways waters water Courses houses outhouses Tenements & hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any Wise Appertaining To have and to hold the Aforesaid Tract or parcel of Land and its Appurtenances unto the said Peter P. Cox and to his heirs & Assigns forever And the said Thomas Plummer and Molly his Wife for themselves and their heirs and Exors. do Covenant promise & agree to and with the said Peter P. Cox his heirs & assigns that on the Day of the Date hereof they are Seized of a good & perfect Estate in fee Simple in and to the Aforesaid premises and that they have all power and Lawful Authority to convey the same in the manner now done And also that the Right Title and property of in and to the Same And every part and parcel thereof that they the said Thomas Plummer and Molly his Wife will forever Warrant and defend unto the said peter p. Cox his heirs and Assigns not only against themselves their heirs and any person or persons Whomsoever or Whatsoever In Witness whereof they rhe said Thomas Plummer and Molly his Wife have hereunto set their hands and Affixed their seals the day and year first Above Written.

Thos. Plummer
Molly Plummer

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered)
In our presence)
George Garner
Danl. Crabb
David Dungan

Recd. 27th day of May 1796. The sum of One hundred pounds in full for the within Consideration

Thos. Plummer

Teste
Geo. Garner, Daniel Crabb

David Dungan

The Commonwealth of Virginia To George Garner & Daniel Crabb Gentleman Justices of Westmoreland County Greeting whereas Thos Plummer & Molley his Wife have by their Certain Indenture of Bargain & Sale bearing date the 27th day of May 1796 sold & Conveyed the fee Simple Estate of One hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances lying & being in the County of Westmoreland & parish of Cople & Whereas the said Molley Plummer Cannot Conveniently Travel to the Court of the said County of Westmoreland to make acknowledgement of the said Indenture therefore we do give unto your or any two or more of you power to receive the Acknowledgement which the said Molley Plummer shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance Aforesaid Contained in the said Indenture which is hereto Annexed and we do therefore Command you that you do personally go to the said Molley Plummer and receive her Acknowledgement of the of the same & Examine her privily & apart from her said Husband Thos. Plummer whether she willingly signed & sealed the said Indenture & Whether she Consenteth that the same may be Recorded in our said County Court of Westmoreland and when you have receiver her Acknowledgement and Examined her as Aforesaid that you distinctly and Openly Certify to us thereof in our said Court under your seals Sending therewith the said Indenture and this Writ. Witness James Bland Clk of our said Court the 27th day of may 1796. In the 20th year of our Independence.

Jas Bland

By Virtue of the within Commission to us directed to take the privy examination of Molley Plummer the wife of Thos. Plummer relinquishing her right of dower on one hundred Acres of Land in the County of Westmoreland Conveyed by deed from the said Thomas Plummer & Molley his Wife to Peter P Cox bearing date the 27th day of May 1796 having examined the Aforesaid Molley Separate & apart from her said husband who declared that she relinquished her right of dower in the said Land of her own free & Voluntary will without the pursuation or threats of her husband Thomas Plummer and that she was willing the said deed should be recorded in the County Court of Westmoreland Given under our hands & Seals this 30th day May 1796.

George Garner
Daniel Crabb

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 22nd day of August 1796.

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale & receipt thereon endorsed was Acknowledged by Thomas Plummer a party thereto and the same haveing been proved at June Court last by the oath of George Garner one of the Witnesses thereto together with a Commission annexed to take the privy examination of Molley Plummer the Wife of the said Thos. Plummer and a Certificate of the Execution thereof are ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jas Bland CWC"

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Thomas Plummer with the following household on August 6, 1810:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Thomas Plummer	1	45+	1	45+		12
	1	16-26	1	16-26		
	2	10-16	1	0-10		
	1	0-10				

This record indicates that Thomas Plummer was born before about 1765.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.
Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191."

iv. Peter Presley Cox, His Wives Fanny (Bailey) Cox, Sally (Gordon) Cox, And Eleanor (Jackson) Cox, And His Descendants

Peter Presley Cox was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The will of Presley Cox dated on February 18, 1766, and probated on September 30, 1766, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D. & W.B. 14/393, listed Fleet Cox as his son and Presley Cox as his grandson::

"In the Name of God Amen I Presley Cox of Cople parish in Westmoreland County in Virginia . . . do think it prudent now to make my last Will and testament which I accordingly do in the following manner and form . . . Item I give and bequeath to my son Fleet Cox my great bible and large looking glass which hangs in the Hall and my negro man Dick to him and his heirs forever, . . . Item I give to my grandsons Fleet Cox and Presley Cox and my grand

daughter Molley Cox ten pounds current money each to be paid Out of my estate by my executors when they arrive to the age of twenty One years or the day of marriage,

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Presly Cox

. . . ."

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed Peter Presley Cox as one of his children:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

Item. I give to my son Peter Presley Cox all my lands in Cherry Point, and fourteen Negroes Viz - Will Austin, Dick, Aaron, Charles, young Will, also old Frank and her children, Mima, Cillar, Mag, David, also young Frank and her children Frederick, Criss and Fanny and their increase, with all my stocks of Cattle, Hogs and sheep, the old bay Mare and her Colt, and a young bay Horse, all the Plantation utensils, with the whole Crop that is on the plantation at my decease, to him and his heirs, But in case my son Peter Presley dies before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries then I give the above mentioned Estate wholly to my son John Cox and his heirs.

Item. I also give to my said son Peter Presley Cox the Lands whereon my son Fleet Cox now lives, as far as the Mill Road from the Lands of William Morton, along the said Road, to the Lands of William Gilbert, thence along the said Gilberts line to the Lands I purchased of Benedick Rust, also nine Negroes Viz: Moses, old Charles, his Daughter Hannah, old Hannah, and her children Lucy, Mary, Emmanuel and Suck also old Nell and there increase also all the stock of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, with all the plantation utensils and all the Crop that is on the said plantation at my decease Also, one Bed & furnature, he to have his choice of Bedsteads, Cords and Hides, also my little still, Worm and Tub, my Silver shoe and Knee Buckles, one Dozen and an half of Silver Coat Buttons and two Dozen Silver Waistcoat Buttons, my Silver Tankard, six Silver Table spoons, and six Silver tea Spoons also my new Saddle, and Desk that stand in the Hall, the looking glass which stands in the chamber, four Spades, and Seven Seting Chairs, which I purchased at Morgans Sale also six choice Flag Chairs, two flax Hackles in the Shop, also one Table which stands in the Chamber the whole to him and his heirs, But in case my said son Peter Presley should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, then I give the last mentioned Estate to my son James Cox and his heirs, Except my Silver Tankard, which I give to my grandson Presley Cox.

....

Item. my will and desire is that my three Sons Peter Presley and John and James Cox may have their Blacksmiths work done Grates at my present Shop, untill they arrive to the age of Twenty one years.

....

Last of all I do hereby Constitute, Appoint and Ordain my friends Jeremiah G. Bailey, my Son in Law Thomas Downing, and my two Sons Fleet and Peter Presley Cox, my whole and Sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

...."

The will of 1766 Presley Cox listed his grandson Presley Cox, but the will of 1791 Fleet Cox listed Peter Presley Cox as under age 21. The result is to leave the date of birth of Peter Presley Cox in a confused state. One possible explanation is that there was a child Presley Cox who died and a second and different child was named Peter Presley Cox.

On May 27, 1796, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 19/203, Peter P. Cox purchased from Thomas Plummer and Molly (Cox) (Middleton) Plummer a tract of land of about 100 acres known as Charles Bruce's land:

"This Indenture made & entered into this 27th day of May 1796 Between Thomas Plummer & Moly his wife (which said Molly was Molly Middleton prior to her marriage with the said Thomas) of the one part and Peter p. Cox of the County of Westmd. & State of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Plummer & Molly his wife for and in Consideration of One hundred Pounds to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is fully absolute Acknowledged they the said Thos Plummer & Molly his wife have bargained & Sold & by these presents do bargain & Sell unto the said Peter P. Cox his heirs & Assigns all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in the said County of Westmoreland adjoining the Lands of him the said Peter P. Cox and is the Land known by the name of Charles Bruces Land for under that Name it is described in the Will of Fleet Cox the elder which is dated on the 7th Day of January 1791. And the same is thereby devised unto the said Molly by the Name of Molly Middleton all which will fully and at Large appear upon reference to the said will of record and the Contents of the Said Land may be One hundred Acres but the same is hereby bargained and sold to the said Peter P. Cox be the same more or Less together with all ways waters water Courses houses outhouses Tenements & hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any Wise Appertaining To have and to hold the Aforesaid Tract or parcel of Land and its Appurtenances unto the said Peter P. Cox and to his heirs & Assigns forever And the said Thomas Plummer

and Molly his Wife for themselves and their heirs and Exors. do Covenant promise & agree to and with the said Peter P. Cox his heirs & assigns that on the Day of the Date hereof they are Seized of a good & perfect Estate in fee Simple in and to the Aforesaid premises and that they have all power and Lawful Authority to convey the same in the manner now done And also that the Right Title and property of in and to the Same And every part and parcel thereof that they the said Thomas Plummer and Molly his Wife will forever Warrant and defend unto the said peter p. Cox his heirs and Assigns not only against themselves their heirs and any person or persons Whomsoever or Whatsoever In Witness whereof they rhe said Thomas Plummer and Molly his Wife have hereunto set their hands and Affixed their seals the day and year first Above Written.

Thos. Plummer
Molly Plummer

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered)
In our presence)
George Garner
Danl. Crabb
David Dungan

Recd. 27th day of May 1796. The sum of One hundred pounds in full for the within Consideration

Thos. Plummer

Teste
Geo. Garner, Daniel Crabb
David Dungan

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our said Court under your seals Sending therewith the said Indenture and this Writ. Witness James Bland Clk of our said Court the 27th day of may 1796. In the 20th year of our Independence.

Jas Bland

By Virtue of the within Commission to us directed to take the privy examination of Molley Plummer the wife of Thos. Plummer relinquishing her right of dower on one hundred Acres of Land in the County of Westmoreland Conveyed by deed from the said Thomas Plummer & Molley his Wife to Peter P Cox bearing date the 27th day of May 1796 having examined the Aforesaid Molley Separate & apart from her said husband who declared that she relinquished her right of dower in the said Land of her own free & Voluntary will without the pursuation or threats of her husband Thomas Plummer and that she was willing the said deed should be recorded in the County Court of Westmoreland Given under our hands & Seals this 30th day May 1796.

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Teste
Jas Bland CWC"

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Peter P. Cox and Fanny Bailey on October 18, 1796, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Cox, Peter P. & Fanny Bailey 18 Oct. 1796, Fleet Cox sec."

The listing of Fleet Cox as security identifies the Peter P. Cox of this record as his brother Peter Presley Cox.

Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800, by Robert K Headley, Jr., also listed the marriage of Peter P. Cox and Fanny Bailey on October 18, 1796, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Cox, Peter P. & Bailey, Fanny; b. 18 Oct 1796; Fleet Cox (sec.); (MLB WC)"

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, also listed the following marriages for Peter P. Cox:

"Cox, Peter P. & Sally Gordon 16 June 1802, Ransdell Peirse sec.

Cox, Peter P. & Eleoner Jackson 17 Aug. 1808, James Elliott sec."

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed Peter P. Cox with the following household on August 6, 1810:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Peter P. Cox	1	45+	2	0-10		
	1	26-45				
	2	16-26				
	1	10-16				
	1	0-10				

This record indicates that all three wives of Peter Pressley Cox had predeceased him.

The will of Peter P. Cox was dated on October 6, 1818, and a codicil was dated on December 20, 1819, both were probated on February 25, 1820, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, W.&D.B. 24/40, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen, I Peter P. Cox, of Westmoreland County & State of Virginia do hereby make & ordain this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. In the first place I humbly & sincerely recommend my Soul to God in and through the merits of my ever blessed redeemer Item. I give to my Son Fleet Cox the Tract of Land called Mount Sion that I bought of George Whitlock also the land my Father gave me called Cherry point tract which tract Joins that I bought of George Whitelock, also the Land I bought of Ellyson Currie, & John Peck, the Exors of Doctr Walter Jones together with the Mill I have lately built with all appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise apertaining also the money due to me from the estate of Philip Gryones late of Middlesex which will pay for the Lands I bought of Currie & Peck, also all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, & Sheep, with all the plantation utensils that is on the plantation called Mount Sion, or cherry Point, I also give to my son Fleet the following negroes to wit, Davy, Cilla(?) & her two Daughters, Fanny, & Maria, Megg, & her three Children Betsy, James, & Aron, Nasaw, Bill, Stephen & old Franky at cherry point. Also two Feather Beds & bedsteads besides the one that is at Mount Sion, He to make choice of Beds, with Blankets, Sheets, & Counterpains, for each Bed, also one Dozen of Windsor chairs, from Federal Hill, my Riding Horse, my Still, worm, & Tub, that is at Messicks. I also give him my watch & half a dozen Silver Table Spoons, and one Silver ladle marked J. S. G. also one dozen Silver Teaspoons marked J. S G. my silver Tankard my large

Copper Kettle & my large side board, in the Dineing room and the set of Mahogany Table in the Drawing room, and a small Mahogany Table called a Tea Table, also the black Walnut Bureau that stands upstairs, also the Gun that was my Fathers also the Gun that M Crump gave me, & the Gun that is called Matilda Lee. It is further my will & desire that my son Fleet shall pay to his Sister Sally Graham when she comes to the age of twenty one years or marries, one Thousand Dollars to be paid Out of the property that I have Given him and that he relinquish all right, title, & interest, to that part of the Land I sold to his uncle Stephen Bailey which I got in right of his mother. Should he refuse to comply with this request I do hereby direct the full value of the said Land to be taken out of the property I have given him & if I do not in my lifetime pay for building the Mill my will is that my son Fleet shall do so out of the present Crop. Item. I give to my Daughter Mary Elizabeth the following negroes to wit. Old Daniel, Charlotte, Hannah, & her four Children (Nancy, Sucky, Netty, & Emanuel) & Mima, Nancy, Daughtery(?), & Grace. I also give to her my Forrest plantation on which John Messick now lives, which was given to me by my Father & also the lands I bought of Edmund Walker, also one Bed bedstead & furniture, also the Bauroe & Glass that Stands in the Chamber also the side Sadle that was her Mother in laws. Item. I give to my daughter Sally Graham the following negroes viz, Old Franky, Lemon, Levina, Willoughby, Sarah, Louisa, daughter, of Hannah, Lucy and Anne, daughter of Nancy, I also give her the tract of Land I bought of Thomas Tucker also one Bed bedstead & furniture also the Mahogany Beaurae that Stands upstairs. Item. I give to my Son Peter Pressly the following negroes to wit. Michael, Isaac, Edmond, Sally, & her child Daniel, Nelly, James, (wch I bought of Chas. Askins) Henry (Hannah's Son) Nancy & her youngest Child Scilla, and old Joany I also give to him the plantation on which I live called Federal Hill including the place where Robert Bailey now lives with all the Houses thereon and also the place where John Rook now lives, also the tract of Land which I bought of John Bailey called Rusts and the tract of Land whereon Mrs Wardrobe now lives, I also give to him all my Stock of Cattle, Sheep & hogs, that is at Federal Hill, also my Small Copper Kettle, Half a dozen Silver Table Spoons, and one dozen Silver desert Spoons, marked P.E.C. also one dozen Silver Tea Spoons, half a dozen of them is marked with the first Letters of his name, the other half dozen not marked, also the silver Sadle that was his mothers, also the Small Side board that Stands in the drawing room, also my Small Gun & the Gun called Sally Lee, all my tight Casks and wheat Fan at Federal Hill, also two Feather Beds & bedsteads with furniture, the drawers and Cabinet that Stands in the dining room, the Tea Stand that holds the China, also the set of China that is onit, I also give him my old Bay Horse called Dick, my Grey Horse called Miller, & the bay horse called Tomchin(?), Together with all my Blacksmith Tools. Item. it is my will and desire that the balance of my Estate not heretofore Given be Subject in the first place to the payment of all my Just debts the residue to be equally divided between my two Daughters & my son Peter Pressly. It is further my Will and desire that the money or Stock in trade, which Robert Bailey in the Store at Kinsale Shall be continued so long as a majority of my executors Shall consider for the benefit of my Estate; In case of Such Continuance the said Bailey is to pay no rent for the Houses & lot, provided

he makes no charge against the Concern for his Services or the board of his Assistant, nor cultivate the Land any more in Corn, but he may cultivate it in any other Crop he thinks proper, & in case of Such continuance he must Settle up with my Executors at the end of each year, when he makes a balance of his Books. It is further my will and desire that my Overseer & friend Daniel Mealy, may live at Federal Hill and take the management of the plantation and Negroes belonging to my Son Peter Pressly except the lot where Robert Bailey lives, & if the said Mealy will have the fencing kept in good repair, with chesnut & cedar rails that is the outside fencing, and pay good attention to the plantation to see that there is no timber or wood of any kind cut or carried off the Land improperly , and pay attention to the Stocks of every kind, he, for these Services Shall be entitled to one third off the Corn wheat Tobacco & Cotton that is made every year (after paying Taxes and Blacksmiths accounts) as long as he chuses to stay or untill my Son Peter arrives at the age of Eighteen years. Lastly, I do constitute and hereby appoint my Brother James Cox, my son Fleet Cox & my two nephews William Middleton and John Middleton, & my two friends John Murphy, & Robert Bailey, Executors of this my last will & Testament, and Guardians to my children who it is my Desire will be as liberal in their education as the profits of their Several estates will afford. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 6th day of October in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred & Eighteen.

Peter P. Cox

Signed & Sealed in presence of)
Robert Murphy)
Richard V Thompson)
John Mealy)

Codicil, to this my last Will & Testament.

My daughter Sally Graham having departed this life, Since the execution of this my last will and Testament, I hereby revoke all that part of my Said will in her favor and dispose of the property given to her in the following manner to wit. In the first place I absolve and relieve my Son Fleet from the payment of one Thousand Dollars devised to my said Daughter Sally Graham & to my Daughter Elizabeth I give in addition to the property already given to her, all the negroes devised to my Said Daughter Sally Graham except one negroe fellow named Simon, which together with the Land I bought of Thomas Tucker in Northumberland (also devised to my Said Daughter Sally) I now Give to my Son Fleet Cox to him & his heirs forever The residue of my Estate of whatsoever Kind or Sort not already devised: it is my will & desire may now after the payment of all my Just Debts be equally divided between my Son Peter Pressly & my Daughter Elizabeth and in full confirmation of this my Codicil to my last Will and Testament I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twentieth day of December in the year or our lord Eighteen hundred & nineteen

Peter P. Cox

Signed & Sealed in presence of)
Robert Murphy)
Gordon Forbes)
Richard J. Thompson)

At a Court held for Westmoreland County on the 25th day of February 1820

This last will and Testament of Peter P. Cox deceased together with the Codicil thereto, being presented in open Court was duly proved by the oaths of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be recorded. And James Cox and Fleet Cox came into Court & qualified as Exors to the said will, by taking the necessary Oaths prescribed by law & entering into & acknowledging bond in the penalty of \$50,000 with Danl Payne John Murphy, Robert Murphy, & Robert Bailey, their Securities, conditioned as required by law.

Teste
Jo: Fox CWC"

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Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-

1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding Peter P. Cox:

"Peter P. Cox (aft 1778-1820)

This son of Fleet, Sr. inherited about 600 acres.

Peter P., like Fleet, Jr., added more land to the expanding empire.

. . . .

When Peter P. died in 1819 or 1820, his will, as abstracted in part, stated:

To son Fleet (4) Mount Sion on Cherry Point [Northumberland] that I bought from Whitlock, also land on Cherry Point my father gave me adjoining the first tract, also land bought of Ellison Currie and John Peck, the Executor of Dr. Walter Jones, together with the Mill lately built. Plus dozen chairs from Federal Hill, dozen silver spoons, 10 slaves, sideboard,

mahogany table, gun called Matilda Lee.

To daughter Sally Graham 10 slaves and \$1000 (\$18,069.00) to be paid by Fleet when she is 21 and that he relinquish all interest in the land sold to his Uncle Stephen Barley which I got of his mother. If he refuses then take the full value of his land fro his share.

To daughter Mary Elizabeth 11 slaves and Forest Plantation on which John Mesick lives which was given to me by my father and also land I bought from Edmund Walker.

To son Peter Presley 11 slaves and plantation where I live: Federal Hill including the place where Robert Bailey now lives, with all the houses thereon and also the place where John Rook lives, and also a tract of land bought from John Bailey called Rust, and a tract of land where Mrs. Wards[?] lives. Stock and trade of the store with Robert Bailey. Silver, china, tea stand at Federal Hill.⁴⁴²

. . . .

He served in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1809-1810.⁴⁴³

v. John Cox And His Wife Sarah "Sally" (Downing) Cox

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". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

Item. I give to my son Peter Presley Cox But in case my son Peter Presley dies before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries then I give the above mentioned Estate wholly to my son John Cox and his heirs.

. . . .

Item I give to my son John Cox the lands I purchased of Benedict Rust also part of th lands I purchased of Mathew Rust and Peter Lamkin Beginning at a Swamp and runing up a Gully between the Orchard fence and the Hatters Shop as it now stands thence across the old field to the head of another Gully, thence down the said Gully and Branch to Bloyces Run, thence down said Run to the main Road, thence along said Road to a Locust post, from thence along the line of Vincent Rust, to the Swamp joining William Gilbert thence up said Swamp to the Begining Containing one hundred and fifty Acres, be the same more or less, Also Eleven Negroes Viz. old Dick, Mary, Oliver, Winny, Anthony, Harry, Nan, and her children Dick and Mary, John (Nells son) and Criss (Winneys Daughter), the young Sorrell horse, one Bed Bedstead and furneture, three Spades, one large Trunk, and Sox flaged Chairs, Also all the Stocks of Cattle Hogs and Sheep, and all the Crop that is on the said Plantation and all the plantation utensils thereon at my decease to him and his heirs, But in case my said son

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....

Item. my will and desire is that my three Sons Peter Presley and John and James Cox may have their Blacksmiths work done Grates at my present Shop, untill they arrive to the age of Twenty one years.

....

Item I give to my Son Fleet Cox and his heirs all my Estate both Real and Personal not before by me given, upon Conditions hereafter mentioned.

.... Secondly that my Son Fleet Cox Board & School my two Sons John and James Cox untill they arrive to the age of Eighteen years without any Charge. Thirdly that he pay to my Son John Cox One hundred Pounds Specie when he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, Sixth and lastly in Case my Son Fleet Cox his heirs, Exors. and Admors. do not in every part fully Comply with this my last will and Testament, then I give my two Sons John and James Cox the lands and Brick House where my Father liv'd and all the lands adjoining thereto, from the West and Northwest side of the main Road leading to Yeocomoco Church from the lands of Thomas Moore down the said main Road to the lands of Peter Self.

.... In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

...."

The marriage record of John Cox and Sarah Downing was dated on January 8, 1800, in Northumberland County, Virginia:

"Know all men by these presents that we John Cox and Thomas D. Downing are held and firmly bound unto this Excellency James Monroe Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth, and his successors for the use of the Commonwealth in the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, to which payment well and Truly to be made, we bind our heirs Executors and administrators, Jointly and Severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of January 1800

The Condition of this Obligation is, that if there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between him the said John Cox bachelor, and Sarah Downing spinster, then this Obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

John Cox
T D Downing

Sealed and Delivered)

The foregoing last will and Testament of John Cox deceased was presented to the Court and having been fully proved by the Subscribing witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Joseph Fox Jun Clerk"

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Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding John Cox:

"John Cox (aft. 1773-1800)

Fleet's son John was devised 400 acres The tax roll for 1794 showed him with 450 acres, and this continued to show on the tax rolls as late as 1819, since he died in 1800, succeeded by his wife Sally, in whose name it appeared in most years.⁴⁴⁴"

vi. James Cox, His Wife Hannah (Jackson) Cox, And His Descendants

James Cox was a son of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed James Cox as one of his children:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

Item. I also give to my said son Peter Presley Cox But in case my said son Peter Presley should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, then I give the last mentioned Estate to my son James Cox and his heirs, Except my Silver Tankard, which I give to my grandson Presley Cox.

Item I give to my son John Cox But in case my said son John Cox should

die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years or marries, then I give the last mentioned Estate to my son James Cox and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son James Cox the Tract of Land Call'd Potters also the Lands I purchased of James Harrison Containing Fifty acres, also the Land Called Turners, being one hundred Acres and the Tract of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors. and Eleven Negroes Viz. James, Nasau, Saul, Nelson, Dennis, Jude (Winneys Daughter), Ellick, Betty and her three Children Hannah, Patt, and Balinder, and their increase. Also all the stock of Cattle Hogs and Sheep, and Planttion utensils and all the Crops that is on the said plantation at my decease, also one Bed, Bedstead and furneture, and the young bay Horse Colt, from Cherry Point also two Spades the whole to him and his heirs. But in case my said son James Cox should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years or marries then the last mentioned Estate to Desend to my son John Cox and his heirs.

Item. my will and desire is that my three Sons Peter Presley and John and James Cox may have their Blacksmiths work done Grates at my present Shop, untill they arrive to the age of Twenty one years.

....

Item I give to my Son Fleet Cox and his heirs all my Estate both Real and Personal not before by me given, upon Conditions hereafter mentioned. First that my Son Fleet Cox do make a good Right and Title to my son James Cox and his heirs, all that part or parcel of Land which my son Richard Cox purchased of Francis Wrights Exors. Secondly that my Son Fleet Cox Board & School my two Sons John and James Cox untill they arrive to the age of Eighteen years without any Charge. . . . Fourthly. that he pay to my Son James Cox two hundred Pounds Specie when he arives to the age of Twenty one years, or marries, and if either of my two Sons John and James Cox die before they arrive to the age of Twenty one years, that the Survivor of the said two be heir to his said Brother. . . . Sixth and lastly in Case my Son Fleet Cox his heirs, Exors. and Admors. do not in every part fully Comply with this my last will and Testament, then I give my two Sons John and James Cox the lands and Brick House where my Father liv'd and all the lands adjoining thereto, from the West and Northwest side of the main Road leading to Yeocomoco Church from the lands of Thomas Moore down the said main Road to the lands of Peter Self.

. . . . In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

...."

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of James Cox and Hannah Jackson

on June 12, 1804, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Cox, James & Hannah Jackson 12 June 1804, John Watt sec."

The 1810 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed James Cox with the following household on August 6, 1810:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
James Cox	1	26-45	1	26-45		
	1	0-10	1	0-10		

This record indicates that James Cox and Hannah (Jackson) Cox were born between about 1765 and 1784.

The 1820 Census for Westmoreland County, Virginia, listed James Cox with the following household on August 7, 1820:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
James Cox	1	26-45	1	45+	
	1	16-26	1	26-45	
	1	10-16	1	10-16	
	2	0-10	2	0-10	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
9			3	26-45
			2	14-26
			11	0-14

<u>Slaves Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other Persons</u>
1	45+					
7	26-45					
4	14-26					
7	0-14					

This record indicates that James Cox was born between about 1775 and 1794 and in

conjunction with the will of Fleet Cox and the 1810 Census, between January 7, 1770, and about 1775.

The will of James Cox was dated on November 24, 1836, probated on February 27, 1837, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 29/191, and provided as follows:

"I, James Cox, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament and bequeath as follows I give & bequeath unto my wife Hannah one third of my estate real and personal during her natural Life. I give and bequeath unto my son Henry N. Cox the estate on which I now reside, called Wilton, he paying unto my three Daughters Mary, Roberta and Virginia the sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars to be equally divided between them and respectively paid to them at the time of their marriage or their coming of age. Virginia to receive interest on her five hundred dollars from the time my son Henry becoming possessed of the property. I give and bequeath to my son Richard J. Cox the whole of my Forrest Farm called the Park together with the Lands adjoining also the land I hold in Northumberland County Virginia. I give and bequeath to my wife Hannah a negro woman Matilda and child Thomas in fee simple forever. I give and bequeath to each of my children one negro to be selected by themselves the Eldest to have the first choice commencing with Eliza Bailey, then Henry N. Cox, then Mary E. Cox, Richard J. Cox, Roberta and Virginia. I give and bequeath to my son Edward Cox the sum of Five Hundred dollars to be paid out of the residue of my estate. The balance of my estate I give and bequeath (my just debts being duly paid) to the whole of my children to be equally divided amongst them. On the demise of my wife, Hannah, her thirds are to be equally divided of the personal property between the whole of my children then living. I leave my sons Henry N. Cox and Richard J Cox my whole & sole Executors to carry this my last will & testament into Execution hereby revoking all former wills & codicils. in Witness thereof I have hereby affixed my hand and seal in the presence of . this twenty fourth day of November 1836.

James Cox

Witnesses (Fredt. Dawes
(Richd. J. Thompson
(Robert Beale

Virginia.

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27th day of February 1837.

This last will and testament of James Cox decd. was presented in open Court proved by the oaths of Richard J Thompson & Robert Beale Subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded: and on the motion of Robert Mays who made oath and performed what is usual in such cases certificate was granted him for obtaining letters of admon on the estate of the said James Cox, with will aforesaid annexed, the executors named in the said will having refused

to qualify as such.

Teste,
William Hutt C. C.

Recorded and Examined the 3d day of March 1837.

Teste,
William Hutt C. C."

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.
Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191."

Lands And Lesser Gentry Of Eastern Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1650-1840, by Edward J. White, stated in part as follows regarding James Cox:

"James Cox (October 7, 1780-1837)

Fleet's son, James, after inheriting about 550 acres, kept up the acquisitions. He was only 11 years-old when his father died.⁴⁴⁵ He married a Jackson and thus obtained control of Wilton as was noted in the 1819 tax rolls and in the deed from his brother, Peter P. . . . In 1804, the tax roll showed him with 505 acres. By 1819, it had expanded to 967 acres. He served as captain in the local militia company from April through August 1813. Fleet (3) Cox was an ensign in the same company.⁴⁴⁸ James died in 1837.⁴⁴⁹ His will, as abstracted, stated:

Son Henry - Wilson where I reside, daughters Mary E., Roberta, Virginia Cox & Eliza Bailey. Son Richard J. Cox gets Forest Farm called The Park and lands adjacent plus Northumberland County land. Wife Hannah. Son Edward Cox \$5. Residue to children equally. Henry to pay Roberta and Virginia total of \$1500 (\$35,714.00)."

vii. Elizabeth "Betsy" Or "Betty" (Cox) Downing, Her
Husband Thomas Dameron Downing, And Her
Descendants

Elizabeth "Betsy" or "Betty" (Cox) Downing was a daughter of Elizabeth (Wright) Cox and Fleet Cox. (1655 Francis¹, 1663 Richard², 1713 Francis³, 1741 Richard⁴, Elizabeth⁵)

The Marriage License Bonds of Westmoreland County, Virginia, From 1786 to 1850, by Stratton Nottingham, listed the marriage of Betsy Cox and Thomas D. Downing on March 17, 1787, in Westmoreland County, Virginia:

"Downing, Thomas D. & Betsey Cox, 17 Mar. 1787, Fleet Cox, Jr. sec."

Married Well And Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800, by Robert K Headley, Jr., listed the marriage of Elizabeth "Betsy" Cox and Thomas Dameron Downing on April 5, 1787:

"Downing, Thomas Dameron & Cox, Elizabeth (Betsy); 5 Apr 1787; bond 17 Mar 1787; Fleet Cox Jr. (sec.); the mar. bond was rec. in WC while the lic. was granted in NC; l. 6 Apr 1787; groom was a son of Thos. & Sarah Ann (Rogers) Downing; bride was a dau. of Fleet Cox (d. WC 1791); (WC DW 18:191; MLB WC; MLB WC2; NC Fee Book 1789 (MDR NC); BNCHS 4:59; Thos. Downing FB (NCHS); Dameron: 50-51; Downing: 100, 102-105)"

The will of Fleet Cox dated on January 7, 1791, and probated on June 28, 1791, at Westmoreland County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 18/191, listed Betty Downing as one of his children and Thomas Downing as his son in law:

". . . . I Fleet Cox of the County of Westmoreland and Cople Parish, do make this my last Will and Testament

. . . .
Item I give to my Daughter Betty Downing my riding Chair and one Black Horse which she is now possessed with, to her and her heirs.

. . . .
Last of all I do hereby Constitute, Appoint and Ordain my friends Jeremiah G. Bailey, my Son in Law Thomas Downing, and my two Sons Fleet and Peter Presley Cox, my whole and Sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Seventh day of January, In the year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one.

Fleet Cox

. . . ."

This record indicates that Betty (Cox) Downing and Thomas Downing had married before January 7, 1791.

The 1810 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed Colonel Thomas Downing with the following household on August 6, 1810:

<u>Name of Head of Family</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All Other Free Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Colo. Thomas Downing	1	26-45	1	26-45		42
	1	16-26	3	0-10		
	1	10-16				
	1	0-10				

This record indicates that Thomas Dameron Downing and Elizabeth (Cox) Downing were born between about 1765 and 1784.

The 1820 Census for Northumberland County, Virginia, listed Elisabeth Downing with the following household on August 7, 1820:

<u>Names of Heads of Families</u>	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Foreigners</u>
Elisabeth Downing	2	16-26	1	45+	
			2	26-45	
			1	16-26	

<u>Number in Agriculture</u>	<u>Number in Commerce</u>	<u>Number in Manufacture</u>	<u>Slaves Male</u>	<u>Age</u>
11		1	4	45+
			4	26-45
			2	14-26
			7	0-14

<u>Slaves Female</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Males</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Free Colored Females</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>All other Persons</u>
6	26-45					
2	14-26					
5	0-14					

This record in conjunction with the 1810 Census indicates that Elizabeth (Cox) Downing

was born between about 1765 and 1775. The absence of Thomas Downing from the household indicates that he had died before August 7, 1820.

Elizabeth (Cox) Downing has not as yet been found in the 1830 Census.

Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th edition, by John Frederick Dorman, stated that:

"30. Fleet⁴ Cox (Margaret³ Fleet, Henry², Henry¹), justice of Westmoreland County, left will 7 Jan. 1791-28 June 1791.¹⁰⁶ He married Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Wigginton) Wright.
Issue: [Cox] 92. Fleet⁵; 93. Peter Presley⁵; 94. John⁵; 95. James⁵, married, (bond 12) June 1804, Hannah Jackson; 96. Richard⁵; 97. Betty⁵; 98. Mary⁵.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, [Westmoreland Co. Deeds & Wills 18, 1787-94,] p. 191."

Genealogies of Virginia Families From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, published by Genealogical Publishing Company in 1982, included the following material on Thomas Dameron Downing:

"18. Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing (*Thomas⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, John², William¹*), son of Thomas⁵ and Sarah Ann (Rogers) Downing, was born about 1765, died 1816. He married Betsy Cox.

On October 10, 1785, Thomas D.⁶ Downing ensign in the militia. June 11, 1786, Thomas Dameron (his cousin) ensign in the company of George Ingram. September 13, 1791, Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing recommended for captain of militia in room of George Ball, deceased. August 12, 1794, Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing commissioned captain of a company in the 37th Regiment of Virginia Militia. June 24, 1796, he was sworn a justice of the peace, an office held for years. November 11, 1805, he was sworn as sheriff. September 8, 1806, he took the oath as Commissioner for the County. December 14, 1813, Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing was lieutenant colonel of the 37th Regiment Virginia Militia.

....
In November, 1798 (as is evidenced by deeds on record), Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing, together with Thomas Gaskins, Walter Jones, John Heath, Catesby Jones, John Cralle and Thomas W. Hughlett were trustees of the town of Heathsville in Northumberland County.

April 3, 1804, John Heath of the city of Richmond conveyed to Thomas Downing, 629 acres of land. May 15, 1805, Thomas D.⁶ Downing and Betsy, his wife, confirm to his aunt, Bettie⁵ Downing a life interest in land deeded to her by Captain Thomas Downing.

The will of Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing, a lengthy document, disposed of much property. This document bears date March 29, 1816, and was probated July 18, 1816, names wife, Betsy, sons, George, Richard and Septimus; daughters,

Sarah, Betsy and Mary Downing; brother Edward Downing. Executors: wife Betsy, brother Samuel Downing and the testator's sons George and Septimus.

Thomas Dameron⁶ Downing and Betsy Cox, his wife, had issue:

- i. George Downing,
- ii. Richard Downing.
- iii. Septimus Downing,
- iv. Thomas Fleet Downing, born March 30, 1789,
- v. John Calvin Downing, born August 23, 1793.
- vi. Betsy Downing.
- vii. Mary Downing.
- viii. Sarah Downing, married *first*, Henry Cundiff; *second* Ellin Paterson; *third* Thomas Sydnor.

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